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THE EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL
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If it be true that we are more zealous for "honors thrust upon us" than for those of our own achieving, then Knoxville's efforts to meet the honor of unexpectedly being called upon to entertain the Council were richly repaid. Officers, members, and visitors repeatedly asserted that they had never been more delightfully entertained, with every comfort graciously offered and every detail remembered. Especially do the memory of the carefully selected and appropriate music and the vision of beautiful flowers remain with us. Although Knoxville is the smallest city that has entertained the Council, there was "room in its hearts for all." Noticeable among the visitors were the Holston Conference officers and District Secretaries, who were the guests of Knoxville Methodists and who will carry into their work the broadened and deepened vision of their privileges as coworkers under the Council plans.

Wednesday evening Dr. Ralph Ward, formerly of China, now detailed as a promoter of the Methodist Missionary Centenary, spoke on "The World Is My Parish," and by magnificent slides showed parts of this parish where missionary work was greatly needed and where some was being done. An ever-recurring question was kept before us: "Are these people ready for a democracy that would be safe for the world?"

Thursday was devoted to the Centenary. Miss Bennett gave a presentation of its bearing on woman's work and our part in it.

The Administrative Secretaries attempted, by slides, to give a survey of our mission fields, whose work will be so wonderfully helped by the Centenary funds.

At night Rev. W. G. Cram, of Korea, now an Associate Secretary of the Centenary Movement, explained its mighty purpose

and objects. He called it "the challenge of the Church to a stupendous world position," with its object to make the world safe for Christ through organized Church channels.

Mr. H. C. Dickson, of Columbus, Ohio, a live-wire Centenary advertising man, proved to us conclusively that this thing must be put through and how.

Friday night Mrs. Fred Bennett, of New York, President of the Council of Women for Home Missions, spoke on "Making Democracy Safe." She brought us assurance of our part in these times from the words of both President Wilson and Lloyd-George, who had each said to Church representatives: "Go back to your people and say to them: 'The thing the nation asks is that the Church show no faltering in the work it is doing; do the same job, only do it better.'" Archbishop York said: "I ask that you keep the moral and spiritual strength of your people at its highest point, so that the people of Europe may be strengthened by the people of America." She was accompanied by Mrs. Wade, of New York, interested in the immigrants, who charmed her audience by her appeal for greater helpfulness to these newcomers among us.

Sunday found Knoxville Methodism at its best, ready for the great privileges of the Council Sunday. Dr. J. M. Moore, Secretary of the Home Department of the Board of Missions, delivered the annual sermon from the words "Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God." "The consciousness of Christ," he said, "was the stay of the disciples. The call to-day is to intelligence about God's things. If we *may* know, we *ought* to know. It is the day of organized intelligence, of master minds used under God's Spirit. Christianity has a conflict on that is worthy of it and its Christ."

Sunday afternoon a treat and innovation had been prepared in a pageant, "The Spirit of Missions," written by Mrs. L. P. Smith, a member of the Council, and presented by the young people of Knoxville Churches, under the direction of Mrs. J. W. Perry, Mrs. W. B. Sullins, and assistants. The Bijou Theater was filled, despite the rain, and the appreciative audience saw in pictured scenes the history of the beginnings and development of our woman's missionary work at home and abroad. The pageant closed with a grouping of the Council

officers, who were introduced by name, and of representatives of every phase of work done under the supervision of the Council, while a herald announced the growth in members and financial strength through the last quadrennium. Over all the spirit of missions hovered, with happy or anxious face, as the spirit of interest or indifference retarded or advanced the cause for which she stood.

Sunday night, before the speaker was presented, the pastor said that one more star would be added to the service flag of Church Street Church; a member of the choir was to leave and would sing. In rich, pulsating tones Mr. Nicholson sang:

He knows the way; whate'er befall me,
I fear no ill. My Father guards me;
He knows the way.

Miss Bennett offered a short prayer for the life and safety of the young man just leaving for "whate'er befall."

Dr. Harry Ward, Professor of Sociology in Boston University, was then introduced and held his audience thrilled with a new presentation and grouping of truths and facts. He said the field is the world, and in measuring this field for the all-comprehending love of God to embrace we must use a new dimension, not only to the uttermost, but also to the center of life. He came to save the organized life of the world. Back of poverty and pain, the great enemies of life, stand three grim evils, the old mass sins of humanity, strife, lust, and greed. Men have organized these sins with warfare, militarism, and social injustice to prey upon the world's weak ones, until now no one nation can secure peace. There must be a league of nations to provide standards of living for all nations. We must save all the world or none of it.

On Monday night Dr. Ward spoke again on "The Next Step in Home Missions." He said that, while missions is a call to a duty, it is the call of a neighbor in need, of the man from Macedonia, that will not let us rest. From three great groups to-day does the call of need come to the Church to take the next step, the leaders of industry, of intelligence, and the great group at the bottom of the industrial stratum, the common, humble toilers. Among them there is a divorce between religion and industry. Before you can carry the gospel to them you must

first know that there are no unchristian conditions around them which you can remedy, for they read an evangel of deeds as well as of words. When we set loose the teaching of brotherhood in the Churches, we must be willing to recognize it outside the Church.

On Tuesday night Dr. H. G. Inman, Executive Secretary of the Committee on Coöperation in Latin America, brought greetings from the thirty coöperating Boards and said our Council has the most extended and most influential system of schools in all Latin America in its three great outstanding countries: Mexico, with its problem of slow solution; Cuba, the key to the Caribbean situation; and Brazil, the immense undeveloped empire. Latin America, after peace is signed, will enter upon a struggle for commercial supremacy. It is open to the gospel now. What are we to do about winning this war for Christ here in Latin America? Sending missionaries well equipped is a large factor in winning it.

On Wednesday night was the consecration service, a session that always attracts large audiences and is the most impressive of all the Council; for underneath it all a human heart responds to the heroic, brave, and tender impulses, and people throng to see these heroes, the new missionaries, as they enlist as volunteers for God and receive their orders to new fields of battle. This year's class was small, only six; but the testimony of each was sweet and positive. Miss Gibson led the devotional service on "Self Lost in Service." Bishop Atkins made the address on this occasion, which was, he felt, the consummate occasion in Southern Methodism, and this event he recognized as the consummate event in any Christian's life. After the girls had received their commission from the hands of the Church, they arose and with glowing faces sang "O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end"; and the audience, thrilled, as always, with their devotion and consecration, answered them: "Go, ye messengers of God, Preach the cross of Christ to all." With the masses of exquisite white flowers falling gracefully around them, these pure young lives there given to God went out to sweeten and uplift human hearts, with their sorrows and joys, and to present them to God, a rich reward for their labors.

The inspirational features of this Council were especially noticeable as well as uplifting. Nothing contributed more to the spiritual finesse of the Council than the noon Bible hours under Dr. Plato Durham, of Atlanta, who used the general theme, "The Inner Circle." He led our souls out of our low plane of living to surge with longings for that higher plane of the inner circle with Christ. Some one said of him: "Eloquence may have gone out of fashion, but there are some who yet keep up the traditions of the fathers. His sentences seemed to be words in search of music, and withal there are an earnestness of manner and a sincerity of voice that are real eloquence." He outlined two tasks before those of the inner circle, to give the gospel to the whole world and to give the whole gospel to the world; and we confessed that God hadn't been able to deliver his full message to the world through us because we have not known him in his fullness. Yet all the great advances in the spiritual world have been begun in this inner circle by individuals whose souls, growing great in the crises they faced, have triumphed in the new truths revealed, have known a new God, a larger Christ, after every crisis, and could never remain the same after the vision. In the great hours and days of the soul another is there, a Presence whose soul moves in our souls, and what happens is that there is begotten a new incarnation, after which a man says: "It is not I, but Christ." This is the culmination of the last processes in soul growth—oneness of life with the Father. By this last we are made of the household, the sweet inner circle.

Few will ever forget the peace of these noon hours, opened by the messages in song that swung us free from former business interests and opened the floodgates for the infilling of the Spirit, so manifest by the speaker's words.

Altogether we felt that the Knoxville meeting was a fitting close to a quadrennium which had begun for us a new form of activity, with untried plans and new unity of action. We closed the year in peace, with great advance in money and members and, above all, the undoubted presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit upon our hearts as we separated and left the gracious hospitality of Knoxville's homes and hearts.

MRS. P. L. COBB, *Assistant Secretary.*

JOURNAL.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THE Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened for its eighth annual meeting at nine-thirty o'clock Thursday morning, April 4, 1918, at Church Street Church, Knoxville, Tenn.

The Council hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers," was sung, and after reciting the Apostles' Creed all joined in the Lord's Prayer. The President read passages from Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the temple, 1 Kings viii. and from Ephesians iii. 20, and called for a group of prayers: Mrs. J. H. Spillman to pray for our nation, our people, our President, and our soldiers; Miss Daisy Davies, for the foreigners in our midst and for God's ancient people, the Jews; Mrs. P. L. Cobb to confess our humanity and to offer a petition for the rulers of other nations; and Miss Mabel Howell, for the missionaries. After a stanza of the hymn, "Just as I Am, Without One Plea," Miss Bennett closed the service with prayer.

On nomination of the Secretary, Mrs. Lee Britt, Mrs. Nat Rollins, and Mrs. P. L. Cobb were elected Assistant Secretaries.

The roll call by the Secretary was responded to by eighteen officers and managers, sixty-two Conference members, one honorary life member, one honorary member, and one Field Secretary, making a voting body of seventy-nine, as follows:

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Miss Daisy Davies,	Mrs. L. G. Johnson,
Mrs. Lee Britt,	Mrs. W. F. Tillett,
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The President read her annual message, outlining the Centenary Movement, stressing the need of workers in both home and foreign fields, and calling for a minimum increase of ten per cent in membership and offerings, but looking to a twenty-five per cent increase. (See report, page 67.)

The President then stated that this first day would be devoted to a study of the great Centenary celebration and that a survey of all the mission fields would be made.

Rev. W. G. Cram, Assistant Secretary of the Centenary Commission, and Rev. S. A. Neblett, missionary from Cuba, were introduced.

The pages for the session were introduced as follows: Miss Julia Cannon, Chairman; Miss Bess McClellan, Vice Chairman; Mrs. Edgar Brogan, Miss Josephine Knaflle, Mrs. Churchwell Mabry, Mrs. J. F. Bibb, Mrs. Walter Baer, Mrs. Roy Tatum, Mrs. W. V. Oldrick, Mrs. Ben England.

While the maps of the fields were thrown on the screen, Miss Esther Case, Acting Secretary of Foreign Work, presented as a whole the survey of the seven foreign fields, where

one hundred and twenty-seven missionaries are striving to do our share in saving the millions of unsaved.

Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Administrative Secretary of Home Work, presented the survey of the homeland, where two million foreign-born peoples are our portion to evangelize. For this task there are but one hundred and thirty home missionaries, including native preachers, home missionaries, and deaconesses.

Miss Nina Troy, missionary from China, and Miss Belle H. Bennett, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, and Miss Bessie Oliver, from Korea, spoke of the work and the needs in China, Japan, Korea, and among the Orientals on the Pacific Slope.

At twelve-fifteen Dr. Plato Durham, Dean of the Theological School of Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., was introduced and gave the first of a series of devotional lessons on "The Inner Circle."

After the hymn, "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go," Dr. Durham led in prayer, and Mrs. C. V. Biddle and Miss Laura Hoskins sang "Blessed Hour of Prayer."

Taking for the basis of his thought Ephesians iii., Dr. Durham gave a lesson on the whole gospel, pressing home the searching questions: Have we the fullness of the gospel? Do we hunger after the fullness of God? Are we giving the whole gospel to the world? Have we not come to the age when God's great offensive must be carried on?

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session opened with devotional service, stressing the imminence of the kingdom of God, led by Deaconess Jennie Ducker, Bristol, Tenn.

The survey of the mission fields was resumed. Deaconess Helen Gibson spoke of the Gulf Coast work, including the Wesley House adjacent to the canneries at Biloxi, Miss., the French Settlement of Louisiana, the immigrant work at Galveston, and the work in the foreign quarter of New Orleans.

Dr. W. W. Pinson, General Secretary of the Board of Missions and the originator of the Centenary Movement, was introduced and spoke with emphasis on the timeliness of the celebration, adding that it will take every man, woman, and

child in the Church to carry it through successfully; that the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, with both men and women on the Board of Missions, is better prepared than any other Church to succeed in this celebration.

Dr. E. H. Rawlings, Secretary of Foreign Work of the Board of Missions, was introduced and spoke of the greatness of the work of the celebration, which calls for both doing and daring, saying a miracle must be wrought if it is done, but the miracle can be done.

Mr. Henry Ahrens, Publicity Secretary, and Miss Lucy Foreman, Cultivation Secretary of the Centenary Commission, were introduced.

Dr. G. B. Winton, Editor of Latin-American Literature of the Committee on Coöperation in Latin America, spoke of the substantial results of missions in Mexico and of the needs there.

Mrs. MacDonell, Mrs. Nat Rollins, and Mrs. T. A. Brown presented the needs of the Mexican work on the border.

Deaconess Grace Rowland, from Houston, Tex., told of what is being done for the Mexicans in this country through the Wesley Houses; while Deaconess Emma Cloud, of Los Angeles, told of the responsiveness of the Mexican to the ministry of the missionaries.

Miss Eva Hyde, of Brazil, spoke of the responsibility of the Southern Methodist Church for ten million souls in South America, the continent of opportunity.

Rev. S. A. Neblett, of Cuba, spoke of the responsibility of the Church in Cuba, where Southern Methodism is the only Methodism at work. Here the schools are creating an atmosphere in which evangelical faith can grow.

Mrs. B. F. Holland, Corresponding Secretary of Florida, spoke for the Cubans at Key West and Tampa, Fla.

Rev. W. G. Cram presented the survey of Africa, and Miss Estelle Haskin and Miss Elizabeth Lamb gave accounts of what is being done for the negro in our midst.

Deaconess Rosa Breeden outlined the city mission work, and Mrs. J. H. Spillman pictured the work that is being done for the boys and girls in the mountain regions.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The second day's work was begun with a devotional service touching the "Conditions of Entrance into the Kingdom of God," led by Miss Alice Green, of China.

The President announced that the great battle had been renewed on the fields of France, and prayers were offered for the soldiers facing death there and for the loved ones in the homes awaiting news with sad and anxious hearts, after which Mrs. George Matthews gave a message in song.

The roll was called.

The minutes for the Thursday morning and afternoon sessions were read and approved as read.

The condensed report of the *ad interim* meetings of the Executive Committee were read by the Secretary and received.

CONDENSED REPORT OF THE AD INTERIM MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL, 1917-18.

May 3 and 4, 1917.

These meetings were held at the time of the meeting of the Board of Missions, when a larger number of the Executive Committee could be present.

1. It was moved and carried that six per cent interest be offered for a \$500 annuity which Mr. Stewart wished to give to the Council.

2. The motion was carried that the salaries of the two Student Secretaries appointed for the year by the Council in annual session be fixed at a missionary's salary (\$750) and that the year extend from June to June; that the matter of traveling expenses of the Student Secretaries should be settled by itemized accounts rendered at stated periods by the young women.

3. The Secretary of Home Work was instructed to express to the bishop in charge the Council's willingness to take over the school at Nogales, Ariz., conditioned upon the transferring of the \$600 appropriated by the Board of Missions to that work from Nogales to the Lydia Patterson Institute.

4. On motion, the selection of a principal for Sue Bennett School, which had been referred to the committee by the Council in annual session, was referred by the committee to the Secretary of Home Work and the President of the Council, with power to act.

5. It was moved and carried that the Council would be responsible for half of the salaries of the two Mexican missionaries teaching at

Lydia Patterson Institute and that a similar arrangement would be made with the Effie Edington School, El Paso, Tex., for Miss Park.

6. It was moved and carried that the departure of Miss Sarah Stout for Brazil be deferred until travel should become less dangerous.

7. The motion was carried that another cistern be built at Changchow, China, and that the money should be appropriated from the contingent fund.

8. Miss Head was elected to fill the vacancy on the Board of Trustees of Gingling College and to represent the Council on the Federation of Woman's Foreign Mission Boards.

9. Though Miss Streater was not employed by the Council, in consideration of the helpful service rendered the work of the Council in Mexico by her it was thought fair to make some financial provision for her during her stay at home, and \$500 was voted for this purpose.

10. On motion, the request that Miss Prieto be allowed to use the building at San Luis Potosi, Mexico, for a school, Miss Prieto agreeing to meet all expenses, was granted.

11. The Treasurer was authorized to add to the John R. Brookes bequest of \$2,500 \$500 of interest money in order that the interest on the whole might be sufficient for three Bible women.

12. A committee of three, composed of Mesdames Britt, Perry, and Johnson, was appointed to look into the matter of publications and suggest plans for the same for the coming quadrennium.

13. In response to the offer of assistance in erecting a new community house by the Flat River Company, Flat River, Mo., the motion was carried that the Executive Committee authorize the Board at Flat River to accept lease, heat, light, etc., but to state that the Council does not need the company's financial assistance.

May 29, 1917.

1. The Home Base Secretary was authorized to send a communication to the Council members in each Conference urging them to have as many auxiliaries and other organizations as possible to pass and send to Congress without delay a petition for absolute prohibition as a war measure and the striking out of the proposed tax on liquor.

2. A plan for woman's work through the Churches for the moral and spiritual upkeep of our soldiers in the mobilization camps and in the battle line to be incorporated in a message to be sent to the Church by the Committee on Chaplains was read and ratified.

3. On motion, the revised Constitution for the Nashville Bethlehem House, which had been referred by the Council in annual session to the Resident Committee, with power to act, was approved, to read as follows:

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS TO GOVERN THE BETHLEHEM HOUSE WORK
OF NASHVILLE, TENN.

Article I.—Name.

This organization shall be called the Bethlehem House Board.

Article II.—Object.

The object of this Board shall be: To do all in its power to establish a larger sympathy and a better spirit of coöperation between the colored and white people; to promote and carry on through Bethlehem House work the improvement of the economic, social, and spiritual condition of the negro in Nashville; to bring about the union and coöperation of the existing agencies and organizations where desirable and to coöperate in every way with the National League on Urban Conditions among Negroes and the Public Welfare League of Nashville; to make studies in Nashville as may be required for social service work; to secure and train negro students for social service work.

Article III.—Officers and Committees.

(1) The Board shall have a President, a Vice President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall be elected annually.

(2) The Board shall be a Board of fifteen members vested with administrative powers and shall be composed as follows: Three members from the Woman's Missionary Council, resident in Nashville; three members from Fisk University faculty; eight members from the city at large (four white and four colored); and the supervisor of the work appointed by the Council *ex officio*.

(3) The three members from the Council shall be appointed by the Executive Committee of the Council; the three members from Fisk University faculty shall be appointed by the Prudential Committee of the University; and the eight members from the city at large shall be nominated and elected jointly by the representatives from the Woman's Missionary Council and the University and ratified by the Executive Committee of the Council and by the Prudential Committee of the University.

(4) The election of the city members of the Board shall take place not later than November 1 each year.

Article IV.—Amendments.

Amendments to this Constitution shall be made as follows: Any such amendment shall be presented in writing at a regular meeting one month in advance of its adoption by the Bethlehem House Board. When ratified by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Board and by the Woman's Missionary Council and Fisk University, herein named, it shall become a part of this Constitution.

BY-LAWS.

(1) The officers of the Board shall be elected by the Board at its regular meeting in February.

(2) The Board shall hold one regular meeting each month. Special meetings may be called by the President or the Recording Secretary.

(3) There shall be an annual meeting of the Board, at which time there shall be given a full report of all the work. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Board.

(4) The following standing committees shall be appointed: The Finance Committee, the House Committee, the General Welfare Committee, and the Committee on Training of Special Workers.

(5) All courses of study for training of special workers shall be approved by the cooperating bodies.

4. The motion was carried that the Secretary be instructed to sign, in the name of the Executive Committee, a petition seeking the protection from immorality of the soldiers in camp near Nashville and to send the same to the Mayor of Nashville and to the Governor of Tennessee.

5. The Home Secretary was instructed to write to those persons presenting petitions and pleas for the continuation of Ruth Hargrove Institute, Key West, Fla., stating that action taken by the Council cannot be revoked by the Executive Committee.

6. The motion was carried that Dr. Louisa M. Ingersol be accepted, according to contract, for medical work in China for two years at a salary of \$600 a year and travel \$250 each way.

7. It was moved and carried that \$50 from the Relief Fund be sent to Miss Varner.

8. The motion was carried that Miss Toland be authorized to put in folding doors between the schoolrooms at Irene Toland School, Matanzas, Cuba, provided the cost should not exceed \$150, and to use the balance she had on hand.

9. It was moved and carried that Miss Moling be authorized to proceed with necessary repairs, not including mosaic floors, at the Eliza Bowman School, Cienfuegos, Cuba, and to pay for the same from money on hand.

10. The motion was carried that Miss Nichols be authorized to pay for cutting a door which would make a passageway from Ivey Hospital to the nurses' quarters (Songdo, Korea), the expense not to exceed \$30.

June 2, 1917.

1. The motion was carried that, in view of the developments for transportation by way of Cape Town, the three missionaries under appointment to Africa be sent in August, provided they and their families should agree.

2. Because of circumstances which demand her presence at home indefinitely, Miss Janie Watkins was granted an indefinite furlough, with salary until the end of the first year of furlough.

3. The motion was carried that, because of the disastrous ravages of white ants in the Laura Haygood School, Miss Mary Lou White be instructed to proceed with putting down cement floors wherever needed, and that the expense should be met from the balance to the credit of Laura Haygood Building Fund now on the field.

4. The motion was carried that, because of the low rate of exchange since the Council has advanced the money for the building to bear the name of Lucy Cuninggim in another part of the city of Wonsan, Korea, the amount realized from the sale of the old Lucy Cuninggim property (19,000 yen, or \$9,500) be left on the field to meet the outgoing quarterly drafts.

5. The committee approved the action of Misses Bennett and Head

in transferring \$1,829 from Wonsan to Songdo to meet the expense of building and work on grounds for new building.

6. An appropriation of \$200 from the Contingent Fund was made for the equipment of two domestic science kitchens in Brazil, one at Bello Horizonte and one at Piracicaba.

7. During this year \$750 from the Contingent Fund was granted to meet the expenses of the new medical class at Shanghai preparatory to establishing a hospital and medical school there.

Called Meeting, July 2 and 3, 1917.

1. The following resolution was passed:

Be it resolved, That we do not accept Miss Head's resignation.

2. On motion, a six weeks' leave of absence was granted Miss Head.

3. The motion was carried that Miss Esther Case, missionary to Mexico, at home awaiting the reopening of work in that country, be called to the work as office assistant in the Foreign Department, with a salary of \$100 a month.

4. The following Standards of Excellence for the Young People and Children were adopted:

STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Credits.

(1) Each mission study class.....	10
(2) Each Bible class.....	10
(3) Prompt and accurate quarterly reports.....	10
(4) One delegate to the Annual Conference meeting.....	5
(5) Two delegates to district meeting.....	5
(6) Each new member	1
(7) Observance of Week of Prayer.....	10

Finances.

(1) Membership offering paid for every member.....	20
(2) Contribution to Council Pledge.....	10
(3) Retirement and Relief Fund.....	10
(4) Conference Expense Fund paid.....	10

An auxiliary must have a total of at least ninety credits in order to be given a place on the Roll of Honor. Each auxiliary attaining this standard by the end of the year will be awarded a ribbon bearing the words "Roll of Honor."

STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR CHILDREN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Junior Division.

Credits.

(1) Each new member	1
(2) Average attendance at each meeting of one-half of membership.....	10
(3) Each mission study class	10
(4) One subscriber to the YOUNG CHRISTIAN WORKER for every three members	10
(5) Week of Prayer observed	10
(6) Exercises of promotion from Baby to Junior Division.....	5
(7) Prompt and accurate quarterly reports.....	10

Finances.

Credits.

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| (1) Monthly offering paid for each member..... | 20 |
| (2) Contribution from each member to Council pledge..... | 20 |

An auxiliary must have a total of ninety credits in order to be given a place on the Roll of Honor. Each auxiliary attaining this standard by the end of the year will be awarded a Certificate of Honor.

5. It was moved and carried that Mrs. Cobb be a coöperating member of the Estimates Committee.

6. On motion, the appointment of Mr. A. H. Mohn as principal of the Sue Bennett School, London, Ky., was ratified.

7. A committee was appointed to draft a questionnaire to be sent to home and foreign missionaries whereby information might be gleaned toward shaping plans for a world-wide program of Methodist missions.

8. The motion was carried that the Council provide a program for one day during Missionary Week at Lake Junaluska.

9. An appropriation was made for the best typewriter that the market affords for the African missionaries.

10. Telegrams were ordered sent to the Senators urging the passage of the Hollis amendment, and to the Representatives urging the passage of the Myers amendment.

11. The motion was carried that the property described by Mr. Hager for the Lambuth Memorial, Kobe, Japan, be purchased at once.

12. There was appropriated \$1,200 for the purchase of a lot for the workers' home in Oita, Japan.

13. It was ordered that the home salary of Miss Gilberta Harris be continued for another quarter.

14. Certain undirected funds were directed to needy places in the different foreign fields and the home field.

September 4, 1917.

1. Resolutions were passed upon the death of Miss Helen Lee Richardson, beloved principal of McTyeire School, Shanghai, China.

2. Miss Esther Case's position as Acting Secretary of the Foreign Office was ratified.

3. It was moved and carried that the Secretary of Home Work be authorized to accept the lot offered by the Southern Assembly, Lake Junaluska, N. C., to the Woman's Missionary Council as the site for the Vacation Home for Deaconesses and Home and Foreign Missionaries.

4. The Secretaries were authorized to do what they could to raise the amount necessary to put up the Vacation Home, provided such efforts should not interfere with the regular collections.

5. An appropriation of \$150 from the Relief Fund was made for Miss Frances Mann, who was temporarily retired for health reasons from the active list of deaconesses.

6. Miss Case was instructed to wire Bishop Kilgo requesting him to

appoint Miss Bomar as Miss Richardson's successor at McTyeire School.

7. The motion was carried that Miss Bennett be requested to attend the meeting of the Gingling College Committee to be held in New York City September 19, 1917.

8. An appropriation was made from the Contingent Fund to cover the necessary repairs (roof) and insurance at the Mary Black Hospital.

9. Resolutions were passed setting forth reasons for the same and requesting Mr. Fitzgerald, presiding elder of the Durango District, Mexico, to settle the claims of Miss Vasquez for salary and upkeep of school buildings at Durango, Mexico, from March, 1915, to July, 1917, and also to pay taxes that might be due. To meet these sums Miss Case was instructed to send to him \$600 and direct him to also use the \$150 which he had in hand for the day school in Durango, since the day school is not to be opened, and request him to render an account to her. Mr. Fitzgerald was to be further instructed to request Mr. Montelongo, pastor at Durango, to take charge of the school building, to make the rent serve for its upkeep, and to render quarterly statements of all receipts and disbursements to the Secretary.

10. It was moved and carried that the necessary appropriation be made from the Contingent Fund for the workers' home at Oita, Japan, and the \$215 for the blue prints, and that instructions be cabled according to directions given by Mr. W. K. Matthews, of Oita.

September 6, 1917.

1. The motion was carried that the Secretary of the Brazil Mission be instructed to purchase a ticket to the United States for Miss Marjorie Alexander and request her to return to this country at once.

2. The following resolution was passed:

Whereas the secretaries of our missions in all our fields, save Brazil, have combined secretarial with active phases of missionary work; and whereas it is desirable that there should be uniformity in the administration of our work in all foreign mission fields; and whereas the force of missionaries in Brazil is so depleted that to remove one from active missionary service to clerical and secretarial duties will work a hardship on the field—therefore be it

Resolved, That in the future the Secretary of our mission in Brazil be relieved of quarterly visitation and personal supervision of the schools, and that her work be so adjusted as to combine the duties of the Secretary with those of active mission work.

3. The following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the committee grant Miss Nellie Bennett her release and home salary for the second year.

4. The motion was carried that Miss Ethel McCaughan, who was temporarily retired from the work of the Council that she might study, be given home salary from June, 1917, to June, 1918.

5. The following resolutions were passed:

Whereas the world war has so interrupted the trade of the world that few, if any, sailors enter the harbor at Gulfport, Miss., and come under the ministry of the Seaman's Rest; be it

Resolved: (1) That the Seaman's Rest be closed, thereby cutting down present running expenses.

(2) That the salary of Rev. W. T. Griffin, who has been in charge of that work, be continued until the close of his Conference year.

(3) That furniture of any value in the building be removed to the Wesley House, Biloxi, Miss.

September 20, 1917.

1. November 14 was set as the date for the opening of the mid-year meeting of the Executive Committee.

2. It was moved and carried that Miss Case be instructed to write to Miss Noyes and Mr. Collier that, in view of the serious condition of Miss Noyes's health, if she has not materially improved by the time the letters reach them she make her plans to return home at once, and that Mr. Collier be told that it is not the policy of the Council to furnish medical treatment for the missionaries.

3. Miss Case was instructed to wire Mr. Fitzgerald, authorizing him to make necessary repairs on the building at Chihuahua, Mexico, and guaranteeing funds.

4. The motion was carried that Miss Lelia Roberts be instructed to return to Saltillo, Mexico, in October, in order that she might make preparations to open school there in the spring of 1918.

5. Miss Lillie Reed was granted home salary for the second year, in case she is unable to return to the field sooner.

September 22, 1917.

In response to a telegram from Mrs. MacDonell, she was instructed by wire to let the Ruth Hargrove Institute to the Navy Department of the United States.

October 12, 1917.

1. Reports from Chihuahua, Mexico, of the serious damage to the property by the weather and of the need of a resident missionary there moved the committee to request Miss Case to open correspondence with Miss Lucy Harper with reference to her returning to Chihuahua and taking some one with her in order to hold the situation there.

2. Miss Case was authorized to pay bills for repairs at Chihuahua when they should be presented.

3. The motion was carried that the amount remitted quarterly to Miss Harper for the maintenance of the work at Chihuahua be increased from \$60 to \$75.

4. On motion, Miss Case was instructed to correspond with the bishop with reference to returning some workers to do evangelistic work and to occupy school buildings in San Luis Potosi, Guadalajara, Durango, and Chihuahua, Mexico.

5. Miss Case was authorized to write Miss Bessie Oliver that field

salary will be granted during her period of study if she will agree to accept home salary for a corresponding period when she returns to the field.

6. On motion, Miss Gilberta Harris's request for temporary release was granted, with the understanding that she would notify the Foreign Secretary when she is able to return to Korea.

7. A committee was appointed to prepare a questionnaire with reference to appropriations to disabled missionaries and deaconesses from the Retirement Fund and to report at the mid-year meeting.

8. The motion was carried that the advice of the lawyer be followed in granting a quit claim to Mrs. Verdi Stout for a lot bought by her with a vendor's lien in Anadarko, Okla., in 1911.

9. Miss Case was authorized to refund to Mr. Callahan \$116.16 advanced for repairs on a rented Japanese house used as a temporary home by the women missionaries.

10. The motion was carried that Mr. E. E. Bishop be empowered to drive an artesian well at Vashti School, Thomasville, Ga., and thus make the water supply adequate.

11. On motion, \$52 was appropriated for installing a hot-water tank and heater in the Biloxi Wesley House.

12. Miss Emma Vogel, nurse at St. Mark's Hall, was granted the amount necessary to give her the required training to equip her for laboratory work in the clinic.

13. It was moved and carried that the \$45 necessary for repairs at Wolff Mission, Ybor City, be sent to Miss Sellers.

October 22, 1917.

1. On motion, an additional appropriation was made to Gingling College, Nanking, China.

2. The motion was carried that Miss Glenn, who had just returned from Brazil, be invited to attend the mid-year meeting.

3. It was moved and carried that Miss Myers be granted the privilege of using \$175 from a balance at Carolina Institute for furnishing the missionaries' home at Seoul, Korea.

4. There was appropriated \$800 for the purchase of the pumping apparatus for the well at Vashti Industrial School, Thomasville, Ga.

5. It was moved and seconded that Mrs. M. L. Stone be instructed to drill a well on the campus of Virginia K. Johnson School, Dallas, Tex., and to meet the initial cost from a balance on hand.

Mid-Year Meeting, November 14-19, 1917.

1. The Council President was requested to send an account of the development of the negro work in her community to the page edited by the Council of Women for Home Missions in the *Missionary Review of the World*.

2. The motion was carried that Miss Alice Noyes be cabled to return home because of her physical condition.

3. The motion was carried that wherever failure to list a necessary appropriation for the current year has occurred the secretarial force be empowered to supply the omission.

4. It was moved and carried that Mr. S. A. Neblett be authorized to purchase the *censo* held by the former owner of the Irene Toland School, Matanzas, Cuba, for \$1,600, thereby securing a complete title.

5. The following recommendations, included in the report of the committee on the Moka Garden Embroidery Mission, were adopted:

(1) That as the principal of the note of the North Alabama Conference given November 1, 1913, for \$800, with interest at six per cent, for the financing of the Moka Garden Embroidery Mission has been paid by partial payments made by said Conference and by Miss Frances Burkhead, Superintendent of the Embroidery Mission, the interest on said note be remitted and the transaction closed.

(2) That a permanent committee of three members be appointed to have general oversight of the work, to whom the superintendent shall report semiannually and the agent in America shall report quarterly. This committee shall hold a business meeting at least once a year, and oftener if necessary.

(3) That an American agency for the sale of the products of the Moka Garden Embroidery Mission be established at Louisville or some other port of entry; that the committee, in conjunction with the superintendent of the Embroidery Mission, be empowered to secure an agent and to make plans for the carrying on of the work.

(4) That a leaflet on the Moka Garden Embroidery Mission, setting forth these plans, be prepared and circulated as soon as possible.

6. Certain special gifts to the foreign work were transferred to the fund for the Woman's Medical College in China.

7. The Treasurer was instructed to place the Scarritt Loan Fund in the bank at interest.

8. The motion was carried that the deed to the property for the Missionary and Deaconess Vacation Home should be held in the name of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for the use of the woman's work.

9. The following Building and House Committee for the above Home was appointed: Mrs. Sullins, Mrs. Perry, the Administrative Secretaries, and the Home Base Secretary.

10. Miss Eliza B. Perkinson was elected a member of the Legal Conference in Brazil to succeed Miss Glenn.

11. The motion was carried that the Virginia Annual Conference be requested to memorialize the General Conference for laity rights for women.

12. Miss Bennett was elected Council representative on the Board of Trustees of Gingling College, Nanking, China.

13. The motion was carried that the Foreign Secretary represent the Council on the Federation of Woman's Foreign Mission Boards.

14. A telegram was ordered sent to Secretary Daniels expressing the appreciation of the Council for his public utterance touching the social

evil and the necessity for a single standard of morals for men and women.

15. The motion was carried that the delegation to the Texas Interdenominational School of Missions be increased from two to three, and Mrs. T. A. Brown was added to the delegation formerly appointed.

16. Miss Case was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

17. Miss Bennett, Mrs. MacDonell, and Miss Case were appointed to represent the Council at a meeting to be held in El Paso, Tex., December 14 to formulate the necessary data for presenting the Mexican work in the Centenary celebration.

18. It was moved and carried that as many of the Mexican missionaries now in the home field as seemed necessary should be invited to attend the meeting in El Paso and that the Council should pay their traveling expenses.

19. The following action was taken touching items in the Home Department:

(1) That any institution placing a ward in Virginia K. Johnson Home shall agree to comply with the rules and regulations of the Home.

(2) That a sufficient amount from the contingent fund be added to the amount already appropriated to drive a well at the Virginia K. Johnson Home.

(3) That the Administrative Secretary of Home Work be instructed to write the workers that we wish the work now carried on at the French Settlement, Louisiana, more thoroughly developed before others are organized.

(4) That money accruing from the sale of desks and furniture at Ruth Hargrove Institute be used for the purchase of pianos for Sue Bennett School.

(5) That the Council appropriate \$417 to lift the mortgage on the property that was acquired in the transfer of Vashti Home and Industrial School property.

(6) That the following be recommended for membership in the Council of Women for Home Missions: Miss Belle H. Bennett, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, Mrs. Hume R. Steele, Mrs. W. A. Albright, Mrs. J. W. Perry, Mrs. T. G. Copeland, Mrs. Lee Britt, Mrs. Luke Johnson.

(7) That the following be recommended as members of the Board of Interdenominational Summer Schools of Missions: Denton, Tex., Mesdames J. W. Downs, L. P. Smith, and T. A. Brown; Los Angeles, Mrs. E. B. Moore and Miss Elizabeth McMillan; Oklahoma City, Mesdames S. T. King, R. M. Campbell, and C. H. Buchanan.

(8) That the Secretary of the Home Department be instructed to authorize the City Mission Board of San Francisco to proceed with the erection of the Wesley House, according to the architect's plans, with the funds on hand, and that the completion of the building shall advance as rapidly as funds are collected.

(9) That the committee recommend to the Council that the law governing endowed scholarships for deaconesses and home missionaries shall be so changed as not to apply to scholarships established prior to the ruling of the Council which requires that scholarships be loaned.

20. It was recommended that a war committee be appointed to outline some definite lines of service and to assist in directing the war activities of the women of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, this outline to be submitted to the Council in annual session.

21. The following action was taken touching items related to the foreign work:

(1) Miss Ellie Tydings was placed on the retirement list, with an annual pension of \$300. Appreciation was expressed for her work in Mexico during her long period of service.

(2) Miss Treadwell's name and address were listed in the offices for use if needed.

(3) Since for health reasons Miss Belinda Barcroft states that she will not return to Mexico, it was recommended that her name be dropped from the list of active missionaries and that the Council express its appreciation for her services.

(4) It was recommended that Miss Annie Belle Williams be permitted to return to Japan at the beginning of the new year, provided the physician reports favorably on her physical condition.

(5) It was recommended that the Administrative Secretary of the Foreign Work endeavor to secure a housekeeper for the school in Cienfuegos, Cuba, and that the matter of salary be referred to the local Executive Committee.

(6) The Secretary of Foreign Work was instructed to seek the assistance of Mr. Osuna, of Mexico City, in securing the legacy left by Miss Wilson to the Council.

(7) The Administrative Secretary was instructed to inform Mr. Calahan that the balance of the appropriation for the buildings in Oita, Japan, will not be available until the construction of the building as planned will come within the appropriation.

(8) Since the salary of the music teacher at Laura Haygood School was not included in the appropriations, though it was approved by the Committee on Estimates, \$250 was granted as the salary of the music teacher.

(9) One hundred dollars was granted for the support of the district nurse already employed and at work in Oita, Japan.

(10) It was recommended that Miss Blanche E. Howell be allowed to use such furniture of the former school in Rio as may be needed and that the disposal of the remainder of the furniture be placed in the hands of Miss Eliza Perkinson, Secretary.

(11) Whereas the increase in the cost of living is making the furloughs of our missionaries an embarrassment rather than a relief, we recommend that field salary be granted to missionaries during their one year of regular furlough.

(12) That, to meet an emergency, field salary be allowed missionaries during their period of study from January, 1916, to January, 1918.

(13) That all papers on furlough be referred to a committee composed of Mesdames Stephens, McCoy, and Chappell, which shall report to the Executive Committee in session just before the annual meeting.

(14) Whereas Miss Lucy Harper has requested that she be released from the duties of an active missionary, we recommend that her request be granted, that a letter of appreciation for her long years of efficient service be written to her by the Administrative Secretary, and that the matter of her further support be referred to the local Executive Committee.

(15) Miss Case was instructed to write Miss Waters to remain at the head of McTyeire School until other arrangements could be made and to give her the power of attorney in Miss Richardson's place.

22. The motion was carried that the salaries of the helpers in the Home Base office be raised to \$800 each, that of the assistant in the educational office to \$900, and that of the assistant in the foreign office be raised ten per cent.

23. The Treasurer was authorized to use the interest on a special fund for a nurse in Japan and the interest on the Eliza Scott and the Holt legacies for the support of girls (two scholarships) at Holding Institute, Laredo, Tex.

24. The Treasurer was authorized, when exchange has become favorable, to pay the debt on the land bought for the McTyeire School, in Shanghai, with the money in the bank here to the credit of McTyeire.

25. The motion was carried that the sale of McTyeire and the erection of new buildings be deferred until further authorization by the Council or the Executive Committee.

26. It was moved and carried that Miss Frances Burkhead, who has been in charge of the sales from the Moka Garden Mission be allowed field salary beginning with October 1, 1917.

27. The motion was carried that the Council vote concurrence in the plan to unite with the General Evangelical Federation in Brazil.

28. The following recommendations to the Council in annual session were approved:

Whereas there is a demand from the auxiliaries for a periodical devoted to the cultivation of the woman's work; and whereas the space in the *Missionary Voice* now used for that purpose can be devoted to a large missionary propaganda—we recommend:

1. That the Woman's Department of the *Voice* and the *Missionary Bulletin* be discontinued.

2. That we publish a monthly periodical for the promotion of the woman's work.

29. Whereas certain Conferences have desired to educate promising young women who have offered their lives for missionary service; and whereas such action is prohibited by Council regulation directing that all scholarship funds raised by Conference Societies be sent to the Council Treasurer to be loaned—we recommend that the following regulation be sent to the Council in annual session in 1918 for consideration:

(1) That Article III. of the Report of the Special Committee on Scarritt Bible and Training School as found on page 184 of the Council Report for 1916 be rescinded.

(2) Conferences desiring to raise scholarships with which to give missionary education at Scarritt Bible and Training School to young women who desire training for home or foreign work shall be permitted to do so, provided the candidate meets all the physical and educational requirements set by the Council for its candidates.

30. The question of those already indebted to the Council Loan Fund, that has passed through the Council, was referred to a committee.

31. The matter of a symbol of honor to be conferred upon missionaries who have spent a lifetime in the service was referred to the local Executive Committee.

32. Action was taken upon the death of Mrs. J. J. Dickey, former Corresponding Secretary of the Kentucky Conference, at the parsonage at Hutchinson, Ky., October 5, and that of Mrs. J. W. Rush, former Corresponding Secretary of the Alabama Conference, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, in Montgomery, Ala., November 6. Tributes to the memory of these honored dead were sent to their bereaved families and spread upon the minutes of the Executive Committee.

33. A paper was ordered sent to the Board of Governors of the Southern Sociological Congress protesting against the fact that women have been given no representation on the Governing Board in the reorganization of the Congress, though women have an equality membership in the organization, and the social study and action to be effected through the Congress touch the woman and child life of the country.

34. The Committee on Policy for Missionary Societies on the Foreign Field, appointed by the Council in annual session in 1917 and instructed to report to the Executive Committee, made the following recommendations, which were approved:

It is gratifying to note that the women in both fields (Brazil and China) showed broadness of view and spirit by voting to give ten per cent of their funds to some line of work under the Woman's Missionary Council.

The committee approves the Constitution presented by the women of China and Brazil and presents the following recommendations:

(1) That we welcome with pleasure these organizations and encourage the formation of organizations in other fields.

(2) We recommend that each Mission Conference be granted the privilege of adapting to the needs and conditions of that field the Constitution and By-Laws for Conference and Auxiliary Societies prepared by the Woman's Missionary Council.

(3) That in order to keep in close touch with the Conference Societies in the mission fields the Conference Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of said societies send annual reports to the Administrative Secretary of the Foreign Department and the Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Council.

(4) That all societies may feel a vital connection with the work of the Woman's Missionary Council, each society thus formed shall appropriate not less than ten per cent of its funds to some line of work projected by the Woman's Missionary Council, the direction of this ten per cent being left to the society itself.

(5) Whereas the President and Corresponding Secretary of Conference Societies are members of the Woman's Missionary Council, we recommend that alternates from Mission Conferences be elected from among missionaries at home on furlough.

35. It was ordered that the Committee on By-Laws should furnish the Committee on Literature a Digest of Laws ready for the printer, for publication during the first year of the coming quadrennium.

36. The death of Mrs. Mouzon was announced, and it was ordered that an expression of sympathy be sent to the Bishop.

37. A Committee on Laity Rights was appointed as follows: Mrs. Luke Johnson, Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Miss Haskin, Mrs. Arch Trawick, and Mrs. R. W. MacDonell.

38. Mrs. E. B. Chappell and Miss Haskin were elected editors of the *Council Daily*.

39. It was moved and carried that where complaint is made, in a reasonable length of time, of failure to receive the *Daily*, if there is a surplus the subscription price shall be returned to the disappointed subscriber.

40. The following Session Committee on Laws was appointed: Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Chairman; Mrs. W. B. Sullins, Mrs. L. P. Smith, Miss Daisy Davies, and Mrs. R. M. Campbell.

41. The Chairman of the Committee on By-Laws was authorized to call a meeting of that committee in Nashville before the annual meeting of the Council.

42. The Publicity and Newspaper Committee for the annual meeting was appointed as follows: Mrs. C. W. Hawkins and Mrs. W. H. Pemberton.

43. The motion was carried that an exhibit be held at the Council meeting, and that Mrs. Steele carry out her idea for the same as nearly as possible. The necessary expense incident to the preparation of the exhibit was granted.

44. The motion was carried that Dr. Ethel Polk be instructed to supply herself with such surgical instruments as she would need in the new hospital, the cost not to exceed \$500.

45. April 3 was fixed as the date for the annual meeting, and it was ordered that the Executive Committee be called to meet in the hotel at the site of the Council meeting Monday afternoon, April 1, 1918.

46. Mrs. W. B. Higginbotham was appointed to lead the memorial service at the Council meeting.

December 3, 1917.

1. This meeting was called to take action on the death of Miss Maud Bonnell, who fell asleep in Los Angeles, Cal., on November 30, 1917.

2. Miss Case was authorized to make the most advantageous sale possible of the furniture formerly used in the Mary Keener Institute, Mexico City.

December 11, 1917.

The Treasurer was instructed to sell the Lockhart bank stock.

December 22, 1917.

The following resolution was passed:

The Executive Committee has considered the claim presented by Mr. J. C. Lewis for three months' salary, and, having gone carefully through the correspondence, find no ground for the claim.

January 3, 1918.

1. The motion was carried that \$30 a month be granted Miss Lucy Harper as a retirement pension.

2. The motion was carried that a total of \$566 be appropriated from the Contingent Fund to cover the necessary expense for tuition at the

Language School, special teacher, and rent for home for the new missionaries in Japan.

3. It was moved and carried that if, after investigation, it should be found wise to do so, authorization would be given to purchase land near our property in Wonsan, Korea, to prevent the erection of a slaughterhouse there.

4. The resolution was passed that Miss Madge Hendry's relation to the Board of Missions as a duly accredited missionary date from the last meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council and that her salary as missionary begin at that time.

5. The Administrative Secretary of Home Work was instructed to submit to a lawyer the claim of Mr. J. C. Lewis and to act upon his advice.

6. Miss Case was appointed Council representative on the Committee on Coöperation in Latin America.

January 23, 1918.

1. The motion was carried that Miss Ethel Newcomb be granted leave to return home in April, three months in advance of her furlough, and earlier if her brother is summoned to France and cables her to come in time to see him.

2. On motion, the securing of a passport to Mexico for Miss Lelia Roberts was left in the hands of Miss Case.

3. The following resolution was passed:

Whereas a sixty-foot lot indenting the school property in Ribeirao Preto has been offered for sale and must be disposed of within a short time at a reasonable value; and whereas for moral and sanitary reasons it is deemed wise that the Council own this piece of property; and whereas the amount necessary for the purchase is available—therefore be it

Resolved, That the Executive Committee authorize the Administrative Secretary of Foreign Work to cable Miss Stradley to purchase the lot.

4. The following resolution was passed:

Whereas there is great need for a chapel, gymnasium, and other classrooms at Sue Bennett School, London, Ky.; and whereas the erection of this building is impossible with the \$20,000 now in bank for this purpose—therefore be it

Resolved: (1) That an appeal be made to the citizens of London to contribute the \$10,000 which is necessary to make the sum sufficient.

(2) That, when the people have contributed the necessary money, a building committee from the Council and a like committee from London be appointed and plans and specifications for the new building be let for contract.

5. The following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Council be instructed to pay to the Texas Conference Society \$100 claimed by that Conference as due on their Conference half of dues since 1907.

6. On motion, the appropriation to Wolff Mission was increased \$15 a month, beginning with January, 1918.

7. The Recording Secretary was instructed to purchase a typewriter for her own use.

January 31, 1918.

1. The motion was carried that, inasmuch as the amount pledged for the building of Holston Chapel, Songdo, Korea, is held by the South Carolina Conference, Miss Case write to the Council President and to the Corresponding Secretary of the South Carolina Conference, stating the necessity for the building of Holston Chapel at once and requesting that the amount be forwarded to the Treasurer.

2. It was moved and carried that the additional amount requested, about \$1,000, be granted for the building of the worker's home at Oita, Japan, and that it be positively stated that this is the last that can be granted for this building.

3. On motion, the resignation of Miss Madge Hendry as candidate for work in the foreign field was regretfully accepted.

February 20, 1918.

1. This meeting was held to pay tribute to the memory of two much-loved and honored members of the woman's missionary organizations—Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, who was for seven years Conference Secretary of the Southwest Missouri Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and for seven years General Secretary of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, who died at her home in Pasadena, Cal., February 17, 1918, and Mrs. J. B. Cobb, who since the organization of the Woman's Missionary Society in 1878 had been actively engaged in some department of its work. For nineteen years she served as President and Corresponding Secretary of the South Georgia Conference Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, for four years as Associate Secretary of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, for four more years as Administrative Secretary of Foreign Work of the Board of Missions, and these last four years as Manager of the Board of Missions. Mrs. Cobb entered into rest at her home in Nashville, Tenn., the morning of February 20, 1918.

2. The motion was carried that a floral design to be placed upon Mrs. Cobb's casket be sent from the Council and that Mrs. MacDonell and Mrs. Ross be requested to accompany Mrs. Cobb's remains to Macon, Ga., and attend the funeral there.

February 27, 1918.

1. It being necessary to fill Mrs. Cobb's place at once, Mrs. W. F. Tillett was nominated as Manager of the Board of Missions and as a member of its Executive Committee, which action was confirmed by the Board of Missions that same afternoon.

2. The motion was carried that, if expected information should be in accord with that already in hand, Miss Case be instructed to pay to Mrs. Mylin, the wife of an American carpenter frequently em-

ployed by Miss Wilson in Chihuahua, Mexico, the amount of \$87.70 agreed to by Miss Harper.

March 1, 1918.

1. The Treasurer was authorized to pay the expenses of Miss Emma Tucker to the Centenary meeting to be held in Memphis, Tenn., March 19, looking to the organization of prayer leagues throughout the Church during the preparation for and the celebration of the Methodist Centenary of Missions.

2. The motion was carried that Miss Nichols be allowed to draw on the balance on hand to carry on the day schools for a year.

3. On motion, Miss Case was instructed to correspond with other Boards, missionary agencies, and private parties in order to secure a suitable person to undertake industrial work in Wonsan, Korea.

4. Miss Bennett was appointed to represent the Council on the committee appointed by representatives of the various boards assembled in New York City in January, to establish union medical work in China.

April 3, 1918.

1. The motion was carried that the Executive Committee should recommend to the Council in annual session that Misses Feuss and Combs be returned to their respective fields of work.

2. A form to be used in securing data on which to base the amount of appropriation to the claimants to the Retirement and Relief Fund was adopted.

It was moved and seconded that, since there was no Conference representative from California nor from any of the far Western Conferences, Mrs. L. H. Glide, of San Francisco, Cal., be given a seat and a vote in the body.

The motion was carried.

The Rules of Order and the Calendar Rules were read.

A resolution on the Centenary work was read by Mrs. J. H. Spillman and, on motion, referred to a special committee appointed as follows: Miss Mabel Howell, Mrs. J. H. Spillman, Mrs. L. H. Glide, Mrs. R. L. Hobdy, Mrs. Fant, Mrs. P. L. Cobb, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Miss Elizabeth Lamb.

An invitation from the city of Knoxville, requesting the Woman's Missionary Council to participate in a great liberty loan parade Saturday afternoon, was read and, on motion, accepted.

The session committees were announced as follows:

Committee on Home Field and Educational Institutions.—Mrs. R. W. MacDonell (Convener), Mrs. J. H. Stewart, Mrs. J. W. Conger, Mrs. Walter Mills, Mrs. W. F. Price, Mrs. A. C.

Hanblin, Mrs. W. B. Higginbotham, Mrs. A. L. Dowdell, Mrs. J. C. Fowler, Mrs. A. B. Smith, Mrs. W. F. Tillett, Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Mrs. B. F. Lewis.

Committee on Foreign Fields and Educational Institutions.—Miss Esther Case (Convener), Mrs. E. B. Chappell, Mrs. Nat Rollins, Mrs. R. E. Stackhouse, Mrs. B. F. Holland, Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, Mrs. L. P. Smith, Mrs. W. E. Mackey, Miss M. L. Gibson, Mrs. F. S. Parker, Miss Elizabeth Lamb, Mrs. P. J. Harvill, Mrs. R. E. Johnson, Mrs. George W. Matthews, Mrs. R. N. Phipps, Mrs. J. H. Derrick.

Joint Committee on Home and Foreign Work.—Mrs. J. H. Stewart, Mrs. F. N. Peters, Mrs. R. E. Stackhouse, Mrs. A. B. Smith, Mrs. T. B. Holland.

Committee on Home Base.—Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb (Convener), Mrs. M. P. Henderson, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Mrs. E. B. Watson, Mrs. W. A. Steele, Mrs. T. J. Copeland, Mrs. Lee Britt, Mrs. O. L. McKnight, Mrs. F. M. Williams, Mrs. Frank Bennett.

Committee on Literature.—Mrs. Hume R. Steele (Convener), Mrs. C. M. Hawkins, Miss Louise Dunstan, Mrs. Turner McBaine, Mrs. E. B. Chappell, Mrs. W. L. Reed, Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, Mrs. C. F. Neibergall, Mrs. C. B. Petrie.

Committee on Young People's Work.—Mrs. J. W. Perry, Mrs. W. B. Sullins, Mrs. J. H. Spillman, Mrs. J. N. McEachern, Miss Emma V. Pepplar, Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Mrs. E. B. Swinney, Mrs. Lucy Robertson, Mrs. H. J. Boney, Mrs. W. F. Price.

Committee on Children's Work.—Miss Daisy Davies (Convener), Miss Ruth Blanks, Miss Julia Durham, Mrs. P. C. Archer, Mrs. J. B. Smith, Mrs. A. P. Holt, Mrs. G. R. Armstrong, Mrs. P. L. Cobb, Mrs. C. S. Bobo, Miss Estelle Haskin.

Committee on Social Service.—Miss Mabel Howell (Convener), Mrs. T. A. Brown, Mrs. H. A. Durham, Mrs. E. P. Peabody, Mrs. F. N. Peters, Mrs. Hume R. Steele, Mrs. R. L. Hobdy, Mrs. R. M. Campbell, Mrs. F. M. Tolleson, Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood, Miss Virgie Wright, Mrs. J. E. Garrett.

Committee to Nominate the Members of the Standing Committees.—Miss M. L. Gibson (Convener), Mrs. F. S. Parker,

Mrs. J. N. McEachern, Mrs. Nat Rollins, Mrs. Lee Britt, Mrs. G. W. Armstrong.

Committee on Resolutions.—Mrs. W. F. Tillet, Mrs. F. M. Williams, Mrs. R. L. Hobdy.

Committee on Press.—Mrs. C. M. Hawkins, Mrs. W. H. Pemberton.

Committee on Public Worship.—Mrs. J. A. Burrow, Mrs. J. N. McEachern, Mrs. J. W. Perry.

Committee on Promotion of Prayer.—Miss May Ora Durham, Mrs. Turner McBaine, Mrs. G. W. Matthews, Mrs. J. H. Spillman, Miss Eva Hyde.

Committee on Platform Courtesies.—Mrs. J. S. French, Mrs. W. H. Leith, Mrs. William Knabe, Mrs. N. S. Woodward, Mrs. J. E. Bentley.

The report of the Treasurer was made by Mrs. F. H. E. Ross and placed on record. (See report, page 112.)

The report of the auditor of the Treasurer's books was read by the Assistant Secretary and placed on record. (See report, page 125.)

The President stated that telegrams had been received from Mrs. J. H. McCoy and Mrs. W. A. Albright regretting their inability to be present because of illness in their homes.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to send messages of love and sympathy to these two absent members.

The report of the Educational Department was made by Mrs. Hume R. Steele, Educational Secretary. The recommendations contained therein were referred to the Committee on Literature and the report placed on file. (See report, page 125.)

Mrs. Fred Bennett, President of the Council of Women for Home Missions, Mrs. D. A. Wade, Chairman of the Committee on Immigration of the Council of Women for Home Missions, Mrs. Laudenbaugh, an officer of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., Dr. J. S. French, pastor of the hostess Church, and Mrs. J. S. French were introduced.

As a preparation for the devotional service the hymn, "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee," was sung, and Mrs. Luttrell Sullins sang a solo. Dr. Durham then gave a second lesson.

saying in part that the Church is at its supreme moment and that the answer to God's call for a voice must begin with individuals in the inner circle, ready out of the fullness of Christ.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon devotional service was led by Deaconess Elizabeth Taylor, whose subject was "The Kingdom in the Teachings of Jesus—Prayer for Its Coming." The hymn, "More Love to Thee, O Christ," was sung, followed by the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

The hour having arrived for the memorial service, Mrs. W. B. Higginbotham took the chair. The hymn, "Servant of God, Well Done," was sung, followed by prayer led by Mrs. Luke Johnson. Mrs. Higginbotham used as the lesson selections from John xiv., 2 Timothy iv. 8, and Revelation xiv. 18. Mrs. C. V. Biddle sang the beautiful solo, "No Night There."

The first name called was that of Miss Helen Lee Richardson, who for twenty-seven years was a missionary to China. Mrs. C. M. Hawkins told of Miss Richardson's childhood and young womanhood, also of her call to service. Mrs. S. S. Harris, for several years a coworker with Miss Richardson in China, testified to her strong Christian character and of the wonderful work done by her during the long time in which she was principal of McTyeire. Under her wise, efficient leadership the school has become known as one of the best schools for girls in the whole of China. She also told of the memorial to be given by the alumnae of McTyeire as a token of love and appreciation for all she had been to the Chinese girls who had come under her influence.

Mrs. Hester paid tribute to Miss Maud Bonnell, who entered into rest November 30, 1917, after seventeen years of service in Japan. In tender words she told of Miss Bonnell's deep piety. Her devotion to her work in the Lambuth Memorial Bible School, Kobe, Japan, and her love for the Japanese were so great that, despite her feeble body, she longed to return to Japan. Arrangements had been completed for sailing, but God willed otherwise, and she was not, for God took her.

On motion, the request from the Oklahoma Conference that the sum which had been raised by them as a memorial to Miss

Bonnell be applied to the building of a hall at the Lambuth Memorial Bible School, Kobe, Japan, this building to be known as the Maud Bonnell Memorial, was granted.

Mrs. A. L. Dowdell told of the successful work done by Mrs. J. W. Rush, who for fifteen years had served successfully as Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Alabama Conference.

Mrs. J. H. Spillman spoke feelingly of the work of Mrs. J. J. Dickey, who had early in life worked for the Master in another State and after her marriage moved to Kentucky and served efficiently and faithfully first as President and then as Council Corresponding Secretary of the Kentucky Conference.

Miss Gibson told of Mrs. Ruth Hargrove's faithful work as an officer in the Southwest Missouri Conference and in both the Foreign and Home Boards.

In the home-going of Mrs. J. B. Cobb, former Administrative Secretary of the Foreign Work, the Council has sustained the loss of an efficient worker and a wise counselor. Mrs. G. W. Matthews, in paying tribute to this noble woman, told of the organization of the work in South Georgia and of its development under the leadership of Mrs. Cobb, who for nineteen years served as Corresponding Secretary and then as President of the Conference. She also testified to her influence on the lives of the students in Wesleyan College.

Mrs. MacDonell told of Mrs. Cobb's ability to make friends, of her capacity for work, and of her devotion to the work of the Council. In concluding she said: "Mrs. Cobb's greatest effacement came when she resigned her position as Administrative Secretary."

Miss Haskin paid a tribute to "Aunt Sallie" Sawyer, a humble coworker with dark skin, but a white heart, who was the first housemother of the Nashville Bethlehem House, and who in many ways helped the colored people around her, especially the children. A memorial fund to be applied to the salary of a kindergarten teacher in the Bethlehem House is being raised by those whom she had helped.

Mrs. West spoke of the faithful services of Mrs. T. T. Hillman, who for years served as Treasurer of the North Alabama Conference. The services closed with a hymn followed by prayer.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The devotional service Saturday morning, led by Miss Nina Troy, stressed the preëminence of Jesus in the kingdom.

At the close of this service, at the request of Mrs. George Matthews, all joined in singing "God Save Our Boys," to the tune of "America," and Miss Bennett led in prayer for the soldier boys engaged in terrible battle.

The minutes of Friday's sessions were read, corrected, and approved as corrected.

The report of the Young People's Work was given by Mrs. J. W. Perry, First Vice President. The recommendations were sent to the Committee on Young People's Work, and the report was placed on file. (See report, page 73.)

The report of the Home Base Department was read by Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, Home Base Secretary. Her recommendations were sent to the proper committees, and the report was placed on file. (See report, page 134.)

The report of the Second Vice President, Mrs. W. A. Albright, was read by the Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Lee Britt, and placed on record. (See report, page 75.)

It was learned with regret that Mrs. J. H. Spillman had been called home by the sudden and severe illness of her father.

Rev. J. C. Hawk, from the great walled city of Changchow, China, was introduced. He read a paper from the China Mission to the Board of Missions seeking the organization of that mission, which they hoped would accomplish a united mission, a centralization of the work there, the giving of recognition and standing to the mission, and the solution for some problems known and unknown. He also read three other papers from that mission, requesting the Board of Missions to purchase from the Woman's Council the old property of McTyeire School and Moore Memorial Church in Shanghai, a memorial to the General Conference asking for a resident bishop on that field, and the call from the Changchow gentry for the establishment of medical work there, accompanied by the offer of substantial financial help.

The report of the Board of Managers of Scarritt Bible and Training School was read by Miss M. L. Gibson, Secretary of that Board, and placed on record. (See report, page 153.)

The report of Miss Elizabeth Billingsley, Financial Secretary of the Board of Managers of Scarritt Bible and Training School, was read by Mrs. Lee Britt and placed on record. (See report, page 158.)

The report of Miss Mabel Howell, Superintendent of Social Service, was read by her and placed on record. (See report, page 140.)

The report of the Department of Supplies was given by the Superintendent, Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, and placed on record. (See report, page 144.)

Memorials were called for and the following presented: From the women of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church touching the organization of a Woman's Missionary Society, referred to the Committee on General Conference Legislation, whose duties, upon motion, were enlarged that it might consider this matter; from the North Carolina Conference concerning Mary Black Hospital, referred to the Committee on Children's Work.

Announcements were made and the duties of the morning laid aside that again all might follow Dr. Durham through the devotional hour to spiritual refreshment.

After a hymn and prayer and a devotional solo sung by Miss Platt, Dr. Durham read from the sixth chapter of Isaiah and continued his outline of the processes by which the soul reaches the soul of Christ. He said that God has never had to answer with a new gospel, but with a new unfolding of the gospel; that the soul grows by changes and comes to a crisis in changes. As the soul grows in the process of changes, it moves upon an infinite growth. The soul can never cease to grow. The days of crises are days of supreme strength and exaltation. In reference to the present time he said: "In this blending, baffling day I invite you to a new crisis of the soul, into the inner circle, where glows the brightness of God."

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Council was called to order at three-thirty. Deaconess Eva Waddell conducted the devotional exercises.

A memorial from the Louisiana Conference concerning the need of an industrial school in the French settlement was read

and referred to the Committee on Home Fields and Educational Institutions.

Miss Haskin made a report for the *Young Christian Worker*, and the same was placed on record. (See report, page 149.)

The President called the deaconesses, foreign missionaries, city missionaries, and candidates to the chancel and asked each to introduce herself to the Council. The young women spoke as follows: Deaconess Mary Daniel, Mary Elizabeth Inn, San Francisco, Cal., a home for 107 business girls in that city; Bess Combs, Sungkiang, China, at present Student Secretary; Nina W. Troy, for five years in charge of the Music Department of our high school, Virginia School, in Huchow, China; Alice Green, Changchow, China, evangelistic and day school work; Emma K. Olmstead, Louisville Conference, city missionary, Bethlehem House, Nashville, Tenn., candidate for deaconess work; Deaconess Helen O. Gibson, St. Mark's Hall, New Orleans, La., Italian work, New Orleans, La.; Deaconess Rosa Breeden, Atlanta, Ga., Wesley House in cotton mill community; Ellen B. Cloud, nurse-deaconess, Homer Toberman Mission, Los Angeles, Cal.; Deaconess May Ora Durham, Louisville Wesley House, industrial community; Deaconess Edith F. Fuess, now Student Secretary; Deaconess Sara K. Lowder, Kingdom House, St. Louis, city mission work; Dorothy Crim, Ensley Community House, Birmingham, Ala., a Wesley House among Italians; Deaconess Florence Blackwell, Head Resident Avondale Wesley House, Birmingham, Ala., cotton mill work; Deaconess Grace Rowland, Houston, Tex., St. Paul's Church; Deaconess Helen A. Gardner, Methodist Institute, Richmond, Va.; Sue Cole, city missionary, Young Woman's Coöperative Home, Houston, Tex.; Deaconess Gertrude Grizzard, Wesley House, Brookside mill district, Knoxville, Tenn.

Mrs. Chappell gave a report for the *Missionary Voice*, which was placed on record. (See report, page 147.)

Miss Bess Combs, Student Secretary, gave a report of the year's work. (See report, page 150.)

Deaconess Edith Fuess, Student Secretary, reported the year's work. These reports were placed on file. (See report, page 151.)

Mrs. Steele emphasized the important work of the Student

Secretary as a means of saving young women to the work of the Church. Many members of the Council spoke of the beautiful work done in colleges by these Student Secretaries.

Dr. George Haynes, Secretary of National League on Urban Conditions among Negroes and Professor of Sociology at Fisk University, was introduced, and in telling words spoke of the work of the Bethlehem House in Nashville, Tenn.

Dr. Albert D. Betts, of South Carolina, President of Paine College, was introduced, and after paying a tribute to the work of the Council he told of the work done being in Paine Annex.

The President of the Board of Bethlehem House, Mrs. A. B. Smith, and Supervisor, Miss Estelle Haskin, were asked to stand, that all could see them.

The report of the Committee on Estimates for the Foreign Department was placed on the calendar.

The report of the Committee on Estimates for the Home Department was placed on the calendar.

Announcements of committee meetings were made by chairmen, and the session adjourned for the day.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The fourth day's session opened with devotional service, led by Mrs. R. L. Hobdy, President of the Alabama Conference.

The minutes of Saturday's sessions were read and approved as read.

A memorial from the Kentucky Conference concerning a home for delinquent girls was presented and referred to the Committee on Home Fields and Educational Institutions.

The report of the Committee on Centenary Work was read by Mrs. R. L. Hobdy and placed on the calendar.

The report of the Committee on General Conference Legislation was read by Miss M. L. Gibson and placed on the calendar.

The report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws was presented by the chairman, Mrs. F. F. Stephens; and because a copy of the report had been placed in the hands of every member of the Council a fortnight before the meeting, this report was, upon motion, placed on the calendar without reading.

Mrs. J. W. Perry rose to a question of personal privilege

and expressed her thanks and those of the body to Mrs. W. B. Sullins, chairman of the local committee, and her committee, for the beautiful entertainment, the presentation of the pageant, "The Spirit of Missions," on Sunday afternoon. She also expressed to Mrs. L. P. Smith, author of the pageant, the appreciation of the Council for her work.

The First Vice President was called to the chair while Miss Bennett made a report of the meeting of the Gingling College Committee and briefly outlined the history of Gingling College, a union college for women in Nanking, China. Miss Bennett then reported the meeting of the Committee on Union Medical Work, which met in New York City in January.

Rev. J. C. Hawk, by invitation, spoke of the need for a medical school for the women of China.

Mrs. Hume R. Steele spoke of the meeting of the Committee on Union Medical Work, emphasizing the necessity for coöperation of the denominations in enterprising the medical school.

Miss Bennett thanked the local committee and Mrs. Sullins's Sunday school class for the many beautiful flowers that had been sent to the Council and to her during the meeting.

The recommendation from the Executive Committee touching scholarships was taken from the calendar and adopted as read as follows:

Whereas certain Conferences have desired to educate promising young women who have offered their lives for missionary service; and whereas such action is prohibited by the Council regulation directing that all scholarship funds raised by Conference Societies be sent to the Council Treasurer to be loaned—we recommend:

1. That Article III. of the Report of the Special Committee on Scarritt Bible and Training School, as found on page 184 of the Council Report for 1916, be rescinded.

2. That the Conferences desiring to raise scholarships with which to give missionary education at Scarritt Bible and Training School to young women who desire training for home or foreign work shall be permitted to do so; provided the candidate meets all the physical and educational requirements set by the Council for its candidates.

The recommendation from the Executive Committee touching the furlough salary of the missionaries was taken from the calendar, read, and adopted as read, as follows:

Whereas the increase in the cost of living is making the furloughs of our missionaries an embarrassment rather than a relief, the Executive Committee recommends that field salary be granted to the missionaries during the one year of regular furlough.

A recommendation from the Executive Committee touching its periodical was taken from the calendar and read. After full discussion of the recommendation and various amendments thereto, the paper was referred to the committee from whence it had come for reconstruction.

A recommendation from the Executive Committee in regard to endowed scholarships was taken from the calendar and read. When it was shown that previous action touching scholarships covered this case also, the recommendation was withdrawn.

The estimates for the foreign work were taken from the calendar, and those for China, \$56,500, were read and approved.

Following the usual custom of the Council in making appropriations, that of alternating the foreign and home fields in considering the estimates, the estimates for the home work were taken from the calendar, and those for the mountain work, \$24,110, were read and approved.

The estimates for Korea were read and amended by adding \$500 for the three day schools which up to this time have been supported by the Council. The appropriation for Korea was then adopted as amended as follows: \$44,102.

The hours for the morning work having been consumed, all turned once more for the refreshing of the devotional hour.

After a hymn, "O Master, I Have Promised," Dr. Durham read the lesson of the Vine from the fifteenth chapter of St. John and offered a prayer for oneness in Christ. Miss Laura Hoskins sang "Just for To-Day." Dr. Durham presented the problem, the distribution of the force of the renewed life, and some of the processes by which the soul gathers its forces into itself. He spoke of the soul as ever aswing between intense world consciousness and intense personal consciousness, and said the gathering in and the giving out shall make the saint. He closed this lesson by showing the difference between the little desire and the dynamic of the great desire that will send one to the uttermost part of the world.

FOURTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The devotional service Monday afternoon was led by Deaconess Rena Murphy and consisted of a lesson on "The Kingdom in the Teaching of Jesus Taken by Force."

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved as read.

A recommendation from the two Administrative Secretaries concerning the printing of special literature was presented and referred to the Committee on Literature.

Reports Nos. 1 and 2 of the Committee on Literature, read by Mrs. W. L. Reed; Reports Nos. 1, 2, and 3 of the Committee on City Missions and Deaconess Work, read by Miss M. L. Gibson; report of the Committee on Candidates for Deaconess and Missionary Work, read by Mrs. H. A. Dunham; and Reports Nos. 1 and 2 of the Committee on Children's Work, read by Mrs. P. C. Archer, were placed on the calendar.

The consideration of estimates was resumed and the total for the Mexican work read.

It was moved and seconded that the appropriation be amended by adding \$2,000 to the amount for Nogales, making the total for that item \$5,000.

The total for the Mexican work, \$25,240, was then approved as amended.

Dr. J. E. Skinner, Principal of Holding Institute, Laredo, Tex., was introduced and spoke of the work of that institution, where one hundred girls and fifty boys, besides the day pupils, receive training.

The estimates for Japan were read, and the total appropriation for the mission, \$12,232, was approved.

The estimates for the Gulf Coast work were read, and the total for that work, \$11,080, was approved.

The estimates for the Brazil Mission were read and amended by striking out the word "conditional" from the appropriation for new property in Rio de Janeiro, and the total for the Brazil Mission, \$44,515, was approved.

The estimates for the Florida Coast were read and amended by adding \$480 to the appropriation for Ybor City, Fla., and by adding \$1,250 to the amount for furnishing and building

the Wesley House in West Tampa. The total, \$16,195, for the Florida Coast work was then approved.

On motion, the order of business was suspended that a report might be placed on the calendar.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Foreign Work and Educational Institutions was read and placed on the calendar.

At 4:15, after the benediction pronounced by Rev. J. Miles Carter, the body was dismissed to meet in committees.

FIFTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The fifth day's session was opened with devotional service, led by Miss Bessie Oliver, of Korea, who based her lesson on the "Kingdom in the Teachings of Jesus Open to All Mankind" upon Matthew viii. 5-13.

The minutes for Monday afternoon's session were read and approved as read.

The report of the Standing Committee on Literature was read by Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb and placed on the calendar.

The absence of Mrs. L. P. Smith, who had sustained a severe fall and fractured her hip the afternoon before, was noted with regret.

The following telegram was read by Mrs. MacDonell:

TAMPA, FLA., April 8, 1918.

Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Knoxville, Tenn.: Church and Wesley House totally destroyed by fire this afternoon. Nothing saved. All other churches and missions destroyed. Four whole blocks complete wreck. Wire instructions. Ready to begin right away in rented property. Old church on Twentieth Avenue saved. Wolff Mission kindly housing us.

LILLIE F. FOX.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to send Miss Fox a message of love and sympathy in the calamity.

The report of the Special Committee on Special Service was read by Mrs. F. F. Stephens and placed on the calendar.

Reports Nos. 1 and 2 of the Special Committee on the Relation of the Deaconess to the Church were read and placed on the calendar.

It was moved and seconded that the election of officers be made the order of the day Wednesday morning immediately after the reading of the minutes. The motion was carried.

On motion, Calendar Rule No. 5 was suspended that the report of the Committee on General Conference Legislation and the report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws might be taken out of order for consideration.

The report of the Committee on General Conference Legislation was read by the Calendar Clerk and considered seriatim.

It was moved by Mrs. Stackhouse and seconded that Article I. be amended by striking out the words "and other lines of social evangelism." The motion was carried.

Item 1 of Article I., "That the Council elect four Administrative Secretaries," was adopted.

On motion, the last sentence in the outline of the duties of Administrative Secretaries was amended by striking out the words "the missionary education of students in Church and State schools."

Article I. was then approved as amended.

On motion, the second paragraph of Article II., the definition of the equivalent, was stricken out.

It was moved and carried that the portion of the article beginning with the words "A Retirement and Relief" and ending with the words "by the agency employing her" be stricken out. The motion was carried.

Articles III. and IV. were approved, and the report as a whole, as amended, was adopted. (See report, page 190.)

At 12:15 business was laid aside. Mrs. Luttrell Sullins sang "Jesus Died for Me," and Dr. Durham, taking for his topic, "That Which Transpires After the Days of Crisis," told of how, when self and self-ful life have disappeared and the great movements of God dawn upon the soul, something transpires, there comes a movement each into the other, the soul is knit with God. There is begotten a new incarnation. He gave Frederick Robertson and Phillips Brooks as illustrations of souls aflame into which the universal soul had been born. He closed with the thought: The soul in which Jesus moves in completeness is seeking to give itself.

After a message in song, "Crucified with Jesus," given by Mrs. George Matthews, the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Durham.

FIFTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was opened at 2:15 o'clock with a devotional service led by Deaconess Mary Daniel, San Francisco, Cal., who based the lesson on the "Citizenship in the Kingdom Open to All Mankind" upon passages from the thirteenth chapter of Matthew.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved as read.

Mr. C. H. Trowbridge, Principal of Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C., was introduced and spoke of the work being done in that school and emphasized the need of Church schools.

Prof. A. H. Mohn, Principal of Sue Bennett School, London, Ky., was introduced and spoke of conditions in that institution and of the success of the campaign carried on by the business men of the community to raise \$10,000 to add to the \$20,000 appropriated by the Council for the new building.

Mrs. W. G. Cram, missionary from Korea, was introduced.

The following reports were placed on the calendar: Report No. 3 of the Sessions Committee on Literature, read by Mrs. Turner McBaine; Report No. 2 of the Committee on Foreign Work and Educational Institutions, read by Mrs. Nat Rollins; the report of the Committee on Home Base, read by Mrs. Lee Britt; the report of the Committee on Home Fields and Educational Institutions, read by Mrs. A. L. Dowdell; the report of the Special Committee on Report Blanks and the report of the Special Committee on Holding Institute.

By order of action of the morning the report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws was read by the Calendar Clerk and considered seriatim.

Items 1 and 2 were approved.

On motion of Miss Davies, Item 3 was amended by striking out the word "secretary" and inserting the word "superintendent."

On motion, Section 2, touching the abolition of the office of Home Base and the establishment of territorial divisions, was stricken out.

On motion, Section 3, touching the Superintendent of Supplies, was stricken out.

On motion, Section 4, concerning the creation of a Bureau of Literature, was stricken out.

Section 5, concerning the Committee on Laws, was approved.

Section 6, Items 1, 2, and 3, as recommended by the committee, were approved. Section 7, concerning special and standing committees, was approved.

Section 8, Item 1, concerning membership in Conference Societies, was approved. The recommendation of the committee, nonconcurrence, in Item 2 of this section, concerning the nomination of Conference officers by ballot, was sustained.

Section 9, concerning alternates from missionary societies in foreign fields, was approved.

Section 10, concerning social service, was, upon motion, stricken out because of another report which touches social service.

The recommendation of the committee, nonconcurrence, upon Section 11, concerning Conference By-Laws 8 and 14, was sustained.

Section 12, the committee recommendation of nonconcurrence in the budget plan submitted to it, was sustained, and, on motion, the budget plan as outlined by the committee was adopted.

Section 14, concerning report blanks, was approved.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws was then adopted as a whole as amended. (See report, page 193.)

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws was read and adopted as read. (See report, page 196.)

Greetings from the Young Ladies' Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, Tenn., from Mrs. R. G. Waterhouse, and from Mrs. W. H. Johnson were read by the Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary was instructed to send a message of appreciation to the young ladies of the Presbyterian Church and one of loving greeting to Mrs. Johnson.

The benediction was pronounced by Bishop Atkins.

SIXTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The sixth day's session was opened with devotional service led by Miss Rachel Jarrett, of Brazil, who gave a lesson on the "Kingdom in the Teachings of Jesus Like a Net."

The minutes of Tuesday afternoon's session were read and approved as read.

Miss Theodosia Wales, evangelistic worker in Soochow, China, Miss Alice Green, from Changchow, and Miss Rachel Jarrett, from Brazil, were introduced and spoke briefly of the work in the three stations.

The order of the day for this hour being the election of officers, Miss Gibson was called to the chair, and the tellers were appointed as follows: Miss Daisy Davies, Miss Louise Dunstan, Mrs. Walter Mills, Mrs. Turner McBaine.

After a prayer for guidance led by Miss Gibson, the ballots were distributed.

The following officers were nominated and elected by ballot: President, Miss Belle H. Bennett; Vice President, Mrs. F. F. Stephens; Administrative Secretary for the Orient, Miss Mabel K. Howell; Administrative Secretary for Latin America and Africa, Miss Esther Case; Administrative Secretary of Deaconess and City Mission Work, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell; Administrative Secretary of Home Missions, Educational Institutions, and Social Service, Mrs. J. W. Downs; Educational Secretary, Mrs. Hume R. Steele; Home Base Secretary, Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb; Treasurer, Mrs. F. H. E. Ross; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Fitzgerald S. Parker; Superintendent of Supplies, Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough.

It was moved by Mrs. Campbell and seconded that the election of the Superintendents of Young People's Work and Children's Work be deferred until a later day, before which time certain questions in regard to these two offices might be decided. The motion was carried.

The motion was carried that a committee of three be formed to formulate a resolution concerning the Superintendent of Young People's Work.

Miss Maria L. Gibson was nominated Manager of the Board of Missions.

When the nominating ballot for the second Manager had been taken, it was time for the Bible hour.

Mrs. C. V. Biddle, Miss Laura Hoskin, Mrs. A. B. Holbrook, Miss Bess Platt, Mrs. Eugene Gillespie, and Mrs. Luttrell Sul-lins sang sweet devotional special music, and after prayer Dr

Durham led all to rest a moment in the contemplation of spiritual things.

In this closing lesson he taught of the necessity of the oneness of our life with the Father and with the ideals of the household of God. He said by the natural act of creation God is the Father of mankind, by the act of self-giving we become in truth his children. All men are children of God, but the inner circle are conscious of their sonship. The ideals of the children of God are the ideals of the Father. He closed with the thought that nothing so appeals to the heart of God as the bringing to him of a disobedient child; therefore may it ever be the glory of the Church to preach the gospel!

SIXTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session opened with devotional service led by Deaconess Josephine Dreyer, of St. Louis, Mo., which consisted of a solo sung by Miss Dickson, a volunteer, and a lesson on "The Kingdom of Heaven Like Leaven," based on Matthew xiii. 33.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved as read.

Another ballot resulted in the nomination of Miss Esther Case as Manager of the Board of Missions.

Mrs. Knabe, Chairman of the Committee on Platform Courtesies, brought forward and introduced Mrs. Perkins, President of the Knoxville School Board, who brought greetings from four hundred school-teachers; Mrs. Mullin, Chairman of the Knoxville Chapter of the Council of National Defense; and Mr. Campbell, Chairman of the Southern Mountain Conference, which was to open its annual session that evening. Mr. Campbell is also a member of the Russell Sage Foundation.

It was moved and seconded that eleven Managers be nominated and that the last two nominated should be known as reserve nominations.

Further balloting resulted in the following nominations for Managers of the Board of Missions: Mrs. J. W. Downs, Mrs. Luke G. Johnson, Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Miss Daisy Davies, Mrs.

W. F. Tillett, Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, Mrs. Lee Britt, Mrs. L. P. Smith, and Mrs. E. B. Chappell.

The following telegram from Bishop Lambuth was read :

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., April 9, 1918.

Miss Belle H. Bennett, President of Woman's Council, Knoxville, Tenn.: Greeting. Prayer for power for your task. Our boys in camp and battleship need religious literature. Christian Science papers in every camp. Never find ours. Five thousand Methodists at one camp. I need a thousand dollars for thousand Nashville *Christian Advocates*. Special rate below cost. Are there five women to supply hundred?

W. R. LAMBUTH.

A message of greeting from the Federated Societies of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church was read.

The Secretary was instructed to wire the Bishop and to reply to the message from the Federated Societies.

The portion of the Bishop's telegram referring to the need for Christian literature in the camps was referred to the Executive Committee.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Foreign Fields and Educational Institutions was read by Mrs. Rollins and placed on the calendar.

Reports 1 and 2 of the Sessions Committee on Social Service were read by Miss Dunstan. Report No. 1 was placed on the calendar, and, on motion, the calendar rule was suspended that Report No. 2, containing reform measures, might be put upon its passage at once.

Item 1, on moving pictures, was amended by striking out the word "shows" and adopted as amended.

Item 2 was approved, and Report No. 2 was adopted as a whole as amended.

The following reports were read and placed on the calendar: Of the Special Committee on Superintendent of Young People's Work, of the Joint Committee on Home and Foreign Work, of the Committee on Young People's Work, No. 2 of the Committee on Home Fields and Educational Institutions.

The order of business was suspended that a resolution from two deaconesses read by Mrs. Luke Johnson and a resolution read by Mrs. F. M. Williams might be placed on the calendar.

On motion, Calendar Rule No. 5 was suspended that certain papers might be taken from the calendar.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on City Missions and Deaconess Work was taken from the calendar, read, and adopted as read. (See report, page 162.)

The report of the Committee on Candidates for Deaconess and Missionary Work was taken from the calendar, read, and adopted as read. (See report, page 163.)

In order to rest a moment all joined in singing "Lord, in the Strength of Grace."

After prayer led by Mrs. Ross the pledges for the year were taken. In the midst of the taking of the pledges the pages passed through the company with beautiful corsage bouquets of roses for each officer.

The President expressed the deep appreciation of the officers for the lovely offering of flowers.

Miss Bennett stated that a member of the body had offered to support two well-qualified college women in Scarritt Bible and Training School.

At six o'clock, in order that the chancel might be prepared for the consecration service in the evening, the taking of the remainder of the pledges was postponed until Thursday morning immediately following the reading of the minutes.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. C. G. Hounshell.

SEVENTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The seventh morning session was opened with devotional service led by Miss Eva L. Hyde, of Brazil, who, basing her lesson on Matthew xiii. 31, 32, showed how the "kingdom in the teachings of Jesus is like a mustard seed."

The minutes for the session of Wednesday afternoon were read, corrected, and approved as corrected.

It was moved by Miss Howell and seconded that Item 1 of Report No. 2 of the Committee on Social Service be reconsidered. The motion prevailed, and, upon motion, this item was recommitted.

The remainder of the pledges were then taken, and the complete list is as follows:

Conference.	Adult.	Young People.	Junior.	Total.
Alabama	\$ 6,200 00	\$ 650 00	\$ 700 00	\$ 7,550 00
Baltimore	5,900 00	1,000 00	6,000 00	7,500 00
Central Texas	8,500 00	350 00	150 00	9,000 00
Denver	82 00	.....	.....	82 00
East Oklahoma	2,435 00	50 00	100 00	2,585 00
Florida	5,500 00	250 00	250 00	6,000 00
Holston	7,000 00	1,200 00	500 00	8,700 00
Illinois .....	.....	.....	.....	150 00
Kentucky	5,600 00	1,020 00	480 00	7,100 00
Little Rock	7,200 00	450 00	350 00	8,000 00
Louisiana	5,400 00	200 00	400 00	6,000 00
Louisville	5,200 00	400 00	400 00	6,000 00
Memphis	5,400 00	500 00	600 00	6,500 00
Mississippi	4,800 00	550 00	150 00	5,500 00
Missouri	4,600 00	300 00	100 00	5,000 00
New Mexico	882 50	100 00	75 00	1,057 50
North Alabama	6,800 00	400 00	300 00	7,500 00
North Arkansas	5,600 00	500 00	500 00	6,600 00
North Carolina	13,750 00	750 00	2,000 00	16,500 00
North Georgia	12,000 00	1,000 00	1,000 00	14,000 00
North Mississippi	5,300 00	500 00	500 00	6,300 00
North Texas	9,400 00	375 00	275 00	10,000 00
Northwest Texas	3,800 00	250 00	200 00	4,250 00
South Carolina	9,200 00	300 00	500 00	10,000 00
South Georgia	23,450 00	800 00	750 00	25,000 00
Southwest Missouri	4,150 00	375 00	225 00	4,750 00
St. Louis	3,500 00	400 00	100 00	4,000 00
Tennessee	7,100 00	900 00	500 00	8,500 00
Texas	9,500 00	500 00	500 00	10,500 00
Upper South Carolina	6,500 00	1,000 00	500 00	8,000 00
Virginia	6,750 00	2,000 00	280 00	9,000 00
West Oklahoma	1,900 00	200 00	200 00	2,300 00
West Texas	5,400 00	300 00	300 00	6,000 00
Western North Carolina..	11,300 00	2,300 00	1,400 00	15,000 00
Western Virginia	2,000 00	500 00	250 00	2,700 00
	\$222,249 50	\$20,370 00	\$15,055 00	\$257,674 50

The following reports were placed on the calendar: Report No. 2, Committee on General Conference Legislation, read by Miss Gibson; Report No. 4 of the Committee on Foreign Fields and Educational Institutions, read by Mrs. Nat Rollins; Report

No. 2 of the Joint Committee on Home and Foreign Work, read by Mrs. F. N. Peters; Report No. 2 of the Committee on Young People's Work, read by Miss Emma V. Peppler; report of the Committee on Promotion of Prayer, read by Mrs. George W. Matthews, who in completing the report spoke of the boys serving the country in the army and the navy and gave to the Council Jacob's prayer, Genesis xlviii. 16: "The angel who hath redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads."

Mrs. Luke G. Johnson made an informal verbal report of the work of the Committee on Laity Rights, of which she was Chairman, and read the following memorial to be presented to the General Conference, which was ratified by the body:

To the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Dear Fathers and Brethren: The Woman's Missionary Council in annual session hereby memorializes the General Conference, in session in Atlanta, Ga., May, 1918, to strike out Paragraphs 548, 594, and 604 (Discipline, 1914) and make such other disciplinary changes as will grant full lay membership to the women of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

MRS. LUKE JOHNSON, *Chairman*;

MRS. F. F. STEPHENS, *Secretary*.

The report of the Sessions Committee on Press Work was read by Mrs. Pemberton and approved as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESS WORK.

Your Committee on Press Work was duly organized and has endeavored to help to furnish needed information to the morning and afternoon papers of Knoxville. We take this opportunity to express to the Knoxville *Sentinel* and the *Journal and Tribune* our appreciation of the space so generously given by them to reports of the Missionary Council, and to the reporters of said papers for the unflinching courtesy shown to this committee.

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. C. M. HAWKINS, *Chairman*;

MRS. W. H. PEMBERTON, *Secretary*.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on City Missions and Deaconess Work, touching the raising of the deaconess stipend, was read and adopted as read. (See report, page 163.)

On motion, the order of business was suspended that a resolution might be presented and put upon its passage at once. The resolution was then read by Mrs. Johnson, considered by items, and passed as read:

Whereas the Woman's Missionary Council is sending requests for changes in its Constitution to the General Conference to be held in Atlanta, Ga., in May, 1918; therefore be it

Resolved: 1. That the Chair appoint a committee of five, of which the President of the Council shall be one, to attend this session of the General Conference, and seek to have the desired legislation enacted.

2. That this committee be empowered to act in any emergency which may arise concerning our policies.

3. That any changes in by-laws made necessary by General Conference legislation be made by the Standing Committee on By-Laws and sent to the members of this body.

MRS. LUKE JOHNSON.

MRS. LEE BRITT.

The recommitted item from the Executive Committee in regard to the periodical was read by Miss Gibson and placed on the calendar.

On motion, Calendar Rule No. 5 was suspended that the report of the Special Committee on Young People's Work might be put upon its passage at once.

The report was taken from the calendar, read, and adopted as read. (See report, page 196.)

On motion, the consideration of the first item on the calendar, the estimates, was deferred.

The report of the Special Committee on the Centenary Celebration was read by the Calendar Clerk.

Bishop Atkins, Chairman of the Centenary Committee, spoke of the great movement, the largest, in his opinion, since the apostolic days of the Church.

As an evidence of thanksgiving for the great Centenary Movement, all stood and sang "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow," and Dr. Skinner led in prayer.

Rev. C. G. Hounshell, Educational Secretary of the Board of Missions, spoke of the influence of the movement upon the young life of the Church, which is already fired by it, adding that the leaders of the Epworth League, the Student Volunteer Movement, and the Missionary Education Movement have pledged their support.

On motion, Item 3 of the report on the Centenary celebration was recommitted, and Items 1 and 2 were adopted as read. (See report, page 197.)

The report of the Sessions Committee on Literature was

taken from the calendar, read by the clerk, and considered by subjects. On motion, the report was amended by interchanging two of the books, placing "The Next Adventure for God," by Harry Ward, in the list for the senior young people, and "The Path of Labor," by Willard Price, in the list for adults.

It was moved by Mrs. Johnson and seconded that there shall be a committee of five in the offices in Nashville, one of whom shall be the Educational Secretary, to whom the manuscripts for the books for mission study shall be sent for critical reading by at least three of the members; the Administrative Secretaries of Foreign Work and the Educational Secretary to read the foreign mission book and the Administrative Secretaries of Home Work and the Educational Secretary to read the home mission book. The motion was carried.

Report No. 1 of the Sessions Committee on Literature was then adopted as a whole as amended. (See report, page 184.)

Report No. 2 of the Sessions Committee on Literature was read and considered by items.

It was moved and seconded that Item 1, in regard to issuing special literature *ad interim*, be referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, to be brought for action to the next annual meeting of the Council. The motion was carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Campbell and seconded that Item 2, in regard to placing a price upon all leaflets, be stricken out. The motion was carried.

By consent of the body, Report No. 1 of the Committee on City Missions and Deaconess Work, containing no recommendations, was taken from the calendar and placed on record.

Just before the noon recess for lunch Mrs. J. W. Perry stated that a very delicate compliment had been paid by Miss Rosalie Gaut, who had written and dedicated a song to the Council. While Miss Gaut played the accompaniment, Mrs. Luttrell Snulins sang the song, at the close of which the members of the Council joined in the chorus, as follows:

O, we'll take the world for Christ,
Take the world for Christ.

The whole world, each and every nation,
We'll take the world for Christ.

Let us take it in this generation.

SEVENTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session opened with one verse of Hymn 420. "True-Hearted, Whole-Hearted."

Mrs. Shipley, missionary from China, was introduced.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved as read.

On motion, Calendar Rule No. 5 was suspended that the recommitted item of the Committee on the Centenary Celebration might be read and considered. On motion, the item was amended by striking out the words "Board of Missions" and inserting the words "Woman's Missionary Council" and adopted as amended, as follows: "That this body stand for its full share in the expense of this work, leaving details to the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council."

Calendar Rule No. 5 was again suspended that a protest against the student amendment to the Constitution of the Young Women's Christian Association might be presented. The paper was read by Miss Howell and unanimously adopted as read, as follows:

RESOLUTION TO NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF YOUNG WOMEN'S
CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

The Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, representing two hundred thousand women, assembled in regular annual session in Knoxville, Tenn., April 3-11, 1918, do hereby enter a unanimous protest against the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Students' Department of the Young Women's Christian Association which does away with the existing basis of membership in a Protestant Evangelical Church and substitutes for the same the personal declaration: "It is my purpose to live as a true follower of the Lord Jesus Christ."

The considerations that lead us to enter this protest are as follows. In our minds, these are conclusive arguments against the desirability of the proposed amendment:

1. It severs relationship between the Church and the Y. W. C. A. The Y. W. C. A. as it now exists is regarded as an agent of the Church in the prosecution of its work among students. Should the evangelical Church membership basis be dropped, this vital and desirable relationship between the Association and the Church would cease to exist. This would bring about at least two results. It would lead to a disapproval of the Y. W. C. A. in mission and Church schools in home and foreign fields. In the second place, it would withdraw from the

moral and financial support of the Y. W. C. A. many of its present loyal and most spiritual supporters in Protestant Evangelical Churches.

2. Should the Young Women's Christian Association adopt this present basis of membership, it would thereby depreciate the value and importance of Church membership in the Christian life, and that in the minds of the student body of America, to whom the Church must always look for its leadership and for its candidates for missionary service in home and foreign fields. This would be an injury to both students and Churches in all lands.

3. The adoption by the Y. W. C. A. of the proposed personal declaration will tend to lower the whole standard of Protestant Evangelical Christianity in America. We do not believe this is an overstatement of the case, in that (1) the proposed personal declaration allows for varied interpretations; (2) it opens active membership in a large Christian body to those who have not in a true evangelical sense accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour; (3) it opens the way for membership in this large Christian body to those who do not belong to the evangelical bodies represented in the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

MRS. LUKE JOHNSON,
MABEL K. HOWELL.

By vote of the body, in order to hasten business, the calendar clerk was authorized to take from the calendar the most important papers, regardless of the order in which they had been placed there.

Report No. 2 of the Joint Committee on Home and Foreign Work was read and considered by subjects. On motion, the report was amended by adding the sentence: "We recommend that a Candidate Secretary be appointed." The report was then adopted as amended. (See report, page 168.)

The next business was the postponed election of superintendents.

The ballots were taken, resulting in the election of Mrs. J. W. Perry, retiring First Vice President, as Superintendent of Young People's Work, and of Miss Althea Jones, of Houston, Tex., as Superintendent of Children's Work.

It was moved and carried that the Executive Committee nominate the Student Secretary and the Candidate Secretary.

The recommitted recommendation from the Executive Committee, in regard to the periodical, was read and considered by items.

It was moved by Mrs. Pemberton and seconded that Item 1

be amended by inserting the words "in the publication of the *Missionary Voice*." The motion was carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Lipscomb and seconded that this item be further amended by striking out the words "to be used as a journal of methods." The motion was carried, and the paper as a whole was adopted as amended, as follows:

Whereas for eight years the Woman's Missionary Council has made earnest endeavor to take its share in the maintenance of the missionary organ of the Board of Missions, giving financial aid to the extent of \$16,321.55 to make the *Voice* self-supporting in the hope that it would be enlarged, thereby giving increased space for the promotion of the Woman's Department; and whereas the space devoted to the work of the women has been decreased, while the editorials and propaganda stress solely the policies of the Board, so that the *Voice* does not at all meet the needs of the Woman's Missionary Societies, while the deficit continues as a drain on their treasury—therefore be it

Resolved: 1. That, in view of the unsatisfactory results of our united endeavor in the publication of the *Missionary Voice*, we memorialize the Board of Missions to give the *Voice* to the women for the promotion of its missionary work, the Woman's Missionary Council to be hereafter responsible for its support and editorial department.

2. That we appoint the ten women Managers a committee to present this memorial to the Board of Missions and to consult with our brethren as to this important matter with a view to our relief.

3. That if this memorial be approved we recommend that the Board of Missions establish an organ commensurate with its great Centenary plans and the propagation of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, as well as the missionary work of our great Church.

MRS. J. W. PERRY, *Chairman*;

MISS M. L. GIBSON, *Secretary*. •

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Children's Work was read and considered by items.

On motion, the report was amended by making Item 10 a standing rule and adopted as amended. (See report, page 187.)

Report No. 2 of the Committee on City Missions and Deaconess Work was read and adopted as read. (See report, page 161.)

It was moved and seconded that the deaconess year begin with the first of July. The motion was carried.

The motion was carried that the body proceed at once to elect editors of the *Young Christian Worker* and the *Voice*.

It was moved and seconded that the editor of the *Young*

Christian Worker be elected by acclamation. The motion was carried, and Miss Estelle Haskin was unanimously elected.

It was moved and seconded that the editor of the *Missionary Voice* be elected by acclamation. The motion was carried, and Mrs. E. B. Chappell was unanimously elected.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on General Conference Legislation was read and considered by items.

It was moved and seconded that the preamble be stricken out. The motion was carried, and the report was adopted as a whole as amended. (See report, page 192.)

Report No. 1 of the Joint Committee on Foreign and Home Work was read. On motion, it was amended by striking out the word "pension" and inserting the words "retirement and relief." The report was adopted as a whole as amended. (See report, page 168.)

The motion was carried that invitations for the next annual meeting should be received at this time.

Mrs. H. A. Evans, seconded by Mrs. W. B. Sullins, extended an invitation to Knoxville, not only for the next year, but offered Knoxville as a perpetual meeting place. Mrs. J. N. McEachern reminded the Council that Atlanta had preceded Knoxville by two years in offering the Council a steady place of meeting. Mrs. G. R. Armstrong, of the Western Virginia Conference, renewed the invitation to Huntington so graciously pressed upon the Council the year before. Miss Virgie Wright, of the Louisville Conference, gave assurance that Louisville was still as eager for the Council as it had been the year before, when it had offered many inducements to persuade the Council to come to that city.

On motion, the invitation to Huntington was accepted, on condition that the matter be left in the hands of the Executive Committee to decide definitely at the close of the year the time and place for the meeting.

The report of the Committee on Home Base was read and considered by items. On motion, Item 3 was amended by making the ten-per-cent increase in finances and membership and the five-per-cent increase in organizations a minimum increase.

On motion, Item 8 was stricken out, and the report as a whole, as amended, was adopted. (See report, page 185.)

On motion, the order of business was suspended that the report of the Committee to Nominate the Members of the Standing Committees might be read and put upon its passage at once. The report was read by Miss Gibson and adopted as a whole as read. (See report, page 197.)

The committee to attend the General Conference and seek to secure the disciplinary changes was appointed as follows: Miss Belle H. Bennett, Miss Marie L. Gibson, Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Mrs. Lee Britt, Mrs. Luke Johnson.

The resignation of Mrs. L. P. Smith as a member of the Board of Missions, because of the severe injury that would make it impossible for her to attend the meeting of the Board April 24-29, was read by the President, and, on motion, it was accepted with deep regret.

It was moved by Mrs. Johnson and seconded that Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb be nominated to the Board as a member for this session. The motion was carried.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Foreign Fields and Educational Institutions was read, considered by items, and adopted as a whole as read. (See report, page 165.)

Report No. 2 of the Special Committee to Consider the Relation of the Deaconess to the Church was read. It was amended by striking out the words, "Covering this period of recreation," and the report was adopted as a whole as amended. (See report, page 163.)

The report of the Special Committee on Holding Institute was read and considered by items. Item 1 was stricken out, and, on motion, Item 2 was amended to read: "That \$1,200 be appropriated for a sewer system." The report was then adopted as amended.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Home Fields and Educational Institutions was read, considered by divisions, and adopted as read. (See report, page 166.)

The motion was carried that the order of business be suspended that a resolution might be read and put upon its passage at once. The following resolution was read and passed:

Resolved, That the Recording Secretary of the Council be instructed to send a request to the President of the Council of Women for Home Missions, to the Chairman of the Committee on Publications and Litera-

ture of the Federation of the Woman's Foreign Mission Boards of North America, and to the Secretary of the Missionary Education Movement, asking that the manuscript of mission study books be sent to our Educational Secretary, as Chairman of our Standing Committee on Literature, for advance reading in order that the committee may be able to recommend mission study books at the Council meeting.

MRS. TURNER MCBAINÉ,

MRS. W. L. REED.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. C. G. Hounshell, and the session adjourned to meet at 8 P.M.

SEVENTH DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The evening session opened with the Council hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers," and prayer led by Miss Bennett.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved as read.

It was moved by Mrs. W. L. Reed and seconded that we send a message of love and sympathy, with some flowers, to Mrs. L. P. Smith. The motion was carried.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Foreign Fields and Educational Institutions was read, considered by items, and adopted as a whole as read. (See report, page 164.)

By consent of the body, the report of the Standing Committee on Literature, containing no recommendations, was transferred from the calendar to the record. (See report, page 184.)

The report of the Special Committee on Social Service was read and considered by items. On motion, Item 1 was stricken out, and the report as a whole, as amended, was adopted. (See report, page 188.)

Report No. 1 of the Committee on the Relation of the Deaconess to the Church, having been considered in Report No. 1, Article II., of the Committee on General Conference Legislation, was eliminated from the file. (See report on General Conference legislation, page 190.)

Report No. 3 of the Sessions Committee on Literature was read. On motion, the recommendation of the committee to nonconcur was stricken out, and the Administrative Secretaries, with the Educational Secretary, were authorized to issue during the year printed matter which may be necessary for the prosecution of the work. At the same time Item 3, By-

Law 20, page 397 of the Council report for 1917, was referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

The report of the special Committee on Report Blanks was read. A general discussion followed, during which Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb explained the general plan of the new report blanks. By vote of the body the report blanks were accepted. (See report, page 196.)

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Foreign Fields and Educational Institutions was read and considered by items. The report was adopted as a whole as read. (See report, page 165.)

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Social Service was considered by items, and adopted as a whole as read. (See report, page 188.)

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Young People's Work was read and adopted as read. (See report, page 186.)

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Home Fields and Educational Institutions, concerning a request for tabulation of war work done by Methodist women, was read and, on motion, stricken out.

A general discussion of the war work being done by the women all over the Church through the national organizations followed the action upon this paper.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Foreign Fields and Educational Institutions was read and adopted as read. (See report, page 164.)

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Young People's Work was read and adopted as read. (See report, page 186.)

The report of the Special Committee on the Promotion of Prayer was read and adopted as read. (See report, page 198.)

It was moved by Mrs. MacDonell and seconded that an appropriation of \$1,500 be made to the Denton Dormitory, that amount being due the North Texas Conference from their half of dues. The motion was carried, and the delegates from that Conference expressed their appreciation of the appropriation.

The report of the Special Committee on Publications was read, but required no action, since matters pertaining to the *Missionary Voice* had been referred to the Executive Committee.

By request of the Committee on Social Service, because of

its lack of necessary information, the recommitted item of Report No. 2, of that committee, touching the censoring of moving pictures, was eliminated.

The time being too short to consider all of the business, the completion of the estimates for both home and foreign work were referred to the Executive Committee.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Home Base was read and considered. The recommendation of the committee was not sustained.

It was moved and seconded that \$25,000 of special moneys be applied to the medical work in China, also that \$5,000 from the Hillman estate be applied to this fund. The motion was carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Boney and seconded by Mrs. Archer that the appointment of the Student and Candidate Secretaries be referred to the Executive Committee. The motion was carried.

The report of the Committee on Laws was read by Mrs. Sullins as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAWS.

The Committee on Laws reports that all memorials and resolutions were reported out of committees and that all calendar reports have been acted upon.

MRS. F. F. STEPHENS, *Chairman*;

MRS. W. B. SULLINS, *Secretary*.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read by Miss Ruth Blanks and adopted as follows:

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

In looking over the annual reports of this Council we find that the seven Southern cities that in former years have had the pleasure and honor of entertaining the Woman's Missionary Council have—all of them—done it most beautifully and efficiently. But as we think back through this past week and remember the gracious hospitality extended us by Knoxville, we can truthfully say: "While many daughters have done excellently, none could have exceeded you." And wishing to express at least in part our appreciation of the many courtesies extended us; therefore be it

Resolved: 1. That we are grateful to the people of Knoxville for the cordial invitation extended us when (war conditions having made it unwise for us to go to Louisville) we were seeking a place for holding this session of our Woman's Missionary Council and for the gracious manner in which we were received.

2. That to the Methodists of the city, and especially to the membership of the Church Street Methodist Church, we extend our sincere thanks for the cordial hospitality shown this body as a whole and to its members individually, remembering with much gratitude their entertainment of our missionaries and deaconesses.

3. That to the pastor of this Church, Dr. J. S. French, and the presiding elder, Rev. P. L. Cobb, and other Methodist ministers of the city, we express our thanks for their presence with us and their hearty coöperation in all our plans and for the surrender of the pulpits of the city on Sunday for our workers.

We acknowledge ourselves most particularly grateful to Mrs. W. B. Sullins, Chairman of Arrangements, and her local committees, who seem to have left nothing unthought of or undone which would add to our comfort and insure the success of this session.

We thank them for the delightful lunches served us daily, the drive over their beautiful city, and the reception at the Country Club; for the lovely flowers that each day made beautiful the house of God; for the efficient services of the pages, the many, many services and loving-kindness showered upon us; and most especially have we enjoyed and appreciated the excellent music provided by the choirs and the musicians of this city, not least among them the song maker and the singer who on the closing day gave to the Council "We'll Take the World for Christ." Many a sermon in song has been given us that will linger long in our hearts.

We are grateful to the representatives of the Knoxville press for the liberal space given us and the exceptionally good reports of the meetings.

We appreciate the privilege of expressing our patriotism in the participation in the liberty loan parade.

That special thanks are due the young people of the missionary societies for their assistance to Mrs. Sullins in making the pageant, "The Spirit of Missions," such a success and pleasure; also to Mrs. L. P. Smith, whose own spirit of missions indited this picturesque history of the Woman's Missionary Society.

We express our sincere appreciation for the information and inspiration brought us by such speakers as Mrs. Fred Bennett, Mrs. Wade, Dr. W. G. Cram, Dr. H. C. Dickson, Dr. Ralph Ward, Prof. George Haynes, Dr. A. D. Betts, Dr. Harry F. Ward, and Rev. S. G. Inman; that it has been a great pleasure to have with us so many of our missionaries and deaconesses, and to them we pledge our love and prayers; that our deep gratitude be expressed to Dr. Plato Durham for a vision of the larger, fuller life in Christ, possible to those of the inner circle, which he brought us at the devotional hour; to Dr. J. M. Moore, who in his annual sermon so forcefully laid on our hearts and minds the responsibility of discipleship and challenged us to rise to the need of this great hour; and to Bishop James Atkins for the tender, loving charge given to our deaconesses and mission-

aries at the consecration hour. And we pray after the eighth annual session of the Woman's Missionary Council passes into history that both the people of Knoxville and the members of this body may hold it in their minds as one of the great sessions by which we were drawn a little closer within the inner circle.

MRS. W. F. TILLET,

MRS. F. M. WILLIAMS,

MRS. W. L. HOBBS.

A letter was read from Rev. J. C. Hawk, expressing his pleasure in attending the meeting of the Council and his appreciation of the work being done by it.

It was moved and seconded that the Recording Secretary be instructed to send a message of love and sympathy to Mrs. J. H. Spillman, who had been called from the meeting by the serious illness of her father.

The minutes of the evening session were read and approved as read.

Hymn "O Jesus, I Have Promised" was sung, and in the hush of the late evening the closing prayer was offered by Rev. C. G. Hounshell, after which the eighth annual session of the Woman's Missionary Council stood adjourned.

MISS BELLE H. BENNETT, *President*;

MRS. FITZGERALD SALE PARKER, *Secretary*.

In Memoriam,

"Blessed are they that wash their robes, that they may have the right to come to the tree of life, and may enter in by the gates into the city." (Rev. xxii. 14.)

Miss Helen Lee Richardson

*Principal McTyeire School; Twenty-Seven
Years a Missionary in China*

Miss Maud Bonnell

*Principal Lambuth Memorial Bible School
Seventeen Years a Missionary in Japan*

Mrs. J. B. Cobb

*Manager Board of Missions and Woman's Missionary Council
Thirty-One Years Officially Connected with the Woman's
Board of Foreign Missions and the
Woman's Missionary Council*

Mrs. R. K. Hargrove

*Fourteen Years Officially Connected with the Woman's Boards
of Home and Foreign Missions*

Mrs. J. W. Rush

Former Corresponding Secretary of the Alabama Conference

Mrs. J. J. Dickey

*Former Deaconess
Later Corresponding Secretary of the Kentucky Conference*

"God is not ashamed of them, to be called their God; for he hath prepared for them a city." (Heb. xi. 16.)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL, 1918.

"All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations." (Matt. xxviii. 18, 19.)

We have again reached the close of a quadrennium, a quadrennium that will be recalled in the years to come as having consummated a strong Church-wide organic union of the woman's home and foreign missionary forces of Southern Methodism. That which eight years ago was begun in doubt and fear has been accomplished in a loving fellowship of service that has brought the joy of the Lord to many hearts and to many others the blessed assurance of things hoped for in faith and prayer through long years of watching and waiting. Who among us now would have it otherwise? Who among us would again separate this united division of our Lord's Church militant, "created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God afore prepared, that we should walk in them"?

Through the bloodshed, brutalities, and ever-recurring horrors of a war that is devastating Christendom the Church of Jesus Christ is slowly recognizing the fact that she has followed her Lord afar off. The proud and haughty spirit of nationalism, fostered and developed in Church and State, with patriotism as its slogan, has for so long rejected the overtures of Him who said two thousand years ago, "Go ye and make disciples of all nations, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," that the vision of God's people has been darkened, and they have failed to realize that glorious international brotherhood for which He died on Calvary. The fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man have been on too many lips only sounding brass and a clanging cymbal. Schisms and divisions in the Church have nullified her professions of brotherly kindness and love, and moral values have been obscured by dogmas and denominationalisms, until in a world crisis she has been compelled to give place to others.

But a new era is dawning upon our sin-cursed humanity, and through a baptism of blood and tears the Church is having a new birth, a resurrection morn. "Our eyes have caught the glory of the coming of the Lord," and our ears have heard the stepping of the advent feet in the gathering together of the men and women of many nations ready to sacrifice all, even unto death, that justice and righteousness may not perish from the earth.

The voice of our great Leader is again heard, saying: "Go and tell." No league of nations nor might of armies can cause wars to cease. Love, not law, must be the controlling passion of the world before there can be a world peace. "The kingdom of God is within you," and

through a newborn Church the kingdoms of this world will some day become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ. Will it be in this generation, or will the Church again become lukewarm and sleep another thousand years?

A CENTENARY OF AMERICAN METHODIST MISSIONS.

Everywhere the Church is shaking off her lethargy and opening her heart to hear what God has to say, and I come to you to-day with the most important message and appeal Methodism has sent out in more than a generation. "In 1819 the first American Methodist missionary society was organized. A hundred years later both branches of Episcopal Methodism will unite in a great Missionary Centenary in commemoration of the rounding out of a century of splendid missionary history. At its annual meeting in 1916 our Board of Missions unanimously approved the plan and appointed a Committee on Centenary Preparation and Publicity. Not only so, but the General Secretary was instructed to invite the Methodist Episcopal Church to united with ours in a joint celebration, an invitation that was heartily accepted. A joint committee was formed, representing the two Churches, and is now laying out the plans for a worthy nation-wide celebration of the Centenary. In September, 1917, our College of Bishops took the following action relative to the matter: 'The College of Bishops is in heartiest sympathy with the movement under the direction of the Board of Missions to celebrate, in conjunction with the Methodist Episcopal Church, the one hundredth anniversary of the beginning of foreign missions by the Methodists of the United States, and this College will do all within its power to advance this work throughout the Church.' In our Church the celebration will begin in the summer of 1918 and will probably reach into 1920. Complete surveys of all our mission fields, home and foreign, have been made, suitable literature will be prepared, a round of great conferences will be held, and, most important of all, the most intensive campaign of missionary education ever undertaken will be carried on throughout the Church by the aid of the pastors and other missionary leaders. Every Church in the connection should share in the thanksgiving, the intercession, and the girding for service which the occasion will inspire. There could be no more auspicious time for such a celebration. Christianity is facing the severest test, the most stupendous responsibility the world has ever offered. We must rediscover the fundamental sources of power and efficiency, survey our task anew, and set about it with an earnestness worthy of its magnitude and urgency. The committee asks that all to whom this announcement comes shall make unceasing prayer that the Centenary may bring to the Church a great spiritual awakening and endowment with power."

† The Woman's Missionary Society is the best-mobilized arm of the Church, and you members of this Council are the chosen leaders of your Conference organization. At your call twenty thousand trained

women from the Adult and Young People's Auxiliaries could be ready in thirty days—to use that little dynamic sentence now so luminous with sacrificial love—ready to “go over the top” in every congregation. You are the women called of God to lead in this great awakening of his sleeping forces. In all of these congregations there is a “No Man's Land,” where ignorance, indifference, and spiritual coldness keep silent watch. These must be won to a study of God's Word, to a close, loving knowledge of our divine Leader's life, and to a passionate desire to walk in his footsteps. There must be a great league of prayer, prevailing prayer, undergirded with that humble confession of sin and disobedience that only a broken heart and a contrite spirit can make.

There must be a great new conception of our stewardship to God if we would have fellowship with him in service. Money is one of his all-powerful agencies, but without ourselves, our love, our time, it may be made a curse or a blessing. All things are possible with God, but it is only through man, through the Church, that God can do the impossible things for humanity. As I see it, the greatest task of this Council and its splendid constituency for the coming year, perhaps for the entire quadrennium, is to invest all of its God-given resources in a united effort with the trained and selected forces of the Board of Missions to make the Church a living power through which the Lord Jesus Christ shall speedily win the world to himself.

OUR ADVANCE FOR 1917.

The following information comes to us from the Treasurer of the Council and the Home Base Secretary: The reports of the Conference Secretaries to the Home Base Secretary show that 368 adult, 305 young people's, and 426 children's societies have been organized during the past year and that the gains in membership are: 13,912 adults, 6,129 young people, and 12,452 children. The totals of these figures, 32,493, exceed ten per cent of the new members reported for 1916.

The Treasurers' reports show a total from the Conference of \$531,447.50, which is nearly \$37,000 in advance of last year and a gain of seven per cent. This is a good increase, although the fact that the goal of ten per cent was not reached is a matter of serious regret.

We are girding ourselves for a fresh effort for a ten-per-cent advance along all lines in 1918. Let every auxiliary join enthusiastically in this program.

God forbid that we should fail to make a ten-per-cent advance another year! The largest *per capita* for missions ever made by Southern Methodism was during our bloody Civil War in 1863. The history of the last hundred years shows that in the periods of greatest national peril the Church has girded herself for the battle and made her greatest forward movements. Our country's calls in this time of danger and calamity cannot, must not be disregarded. But if in answering these great demands we forget and turn away from those

deeds of love and mercy to the weak and needy and Christless in our own land, forget the darkness and desolation we have been trying for a hundred years to lighten and relieve in the non-Christian lands, the aftermath of the great world struggle will be written on our hearts in the words, "Weighed and found wanting." O, let us make the ten-per-cent advance for which we ask this year a minimum advance, working and praying to the end that when the books are closed in January, 1919, the record may be a twenty-five-per-cent increase over the receipts of 1917. Others have done this in the year just behind us; we can do it in 1918 if we will.

THE WORK AT HOME AND ABROAD.

We began the quadrennium now behind us with a heavy debt on the General Board of Missions and on both the Home and Foreign Departments of the Woman's Missionary Council. We have come up to this meeting, thanks be to God, with all of this indebtedness canceled. We must now go forward, meeting with all the wisdom and might that God has given us the just and reasonable demands from the fields that have so long been held in abeyance.

The Academic, Industrial, and Normal School in Rio de Janeiro.—For six years we have been asking the society for money to secure land and build a high-grade school for girls in the beautiful capital city of Brazil. The need and opportunity are as limitless as the great mission field which cries out to us. Only a part of the funds required for this long-promised work have been secured. But the time has arrived when some one should go to Brazil and remain on the field until property for the plant has been purchased and a program of building inaugurated.

The Union Medical College for Women in Shanghai, China, is a need so appalling that adequate property should be secured and the promised removal of our small group of medical students and nurses from Soochow to Shanghai accomplished in the immediate future. The committee appointed to seek the coöperation of other boards in this important mission will meet in New York again this month, and a practical beginning in the matter of permanent equipment and staff will doubtless be the next move if coöperation is secured.

McTyeire High School, Shanghai, China.—Plans for the new McTyeire High School in the suburbs of Shanghai, China, were completed before the death of our sainted Miss Richardson. The necessity for a worthy plant, good equipment, and a larger, stronger faculty at this place is very great, but we can do nothing more for this our oldest and best-known institution in China until the old school property is sold, the debt on the new one paid, and we know we are justified by the balance in hand in the erection of new buildings.

Lambuth Memorial Bible Training School, Kobe, Japan, the location for which was bought in 1917, is another building which, for

the best good of all the woman's work in Japan, should be erected in the near future,

An Insistent Call, Another Opportunity, and Another Open Door.—Our Scarritt Bible and Training School has graduated and presented this year one of the smallest classes for the home and foreign fields in the history of the Woman's Missionary Council. The call for better-educated and better-equipped candidates is repeated with stronger emphasis annually. Educational work in Latin America and in the Orient is demanding specialists and the best grade of teachers the West can give. We have only a limited number of A-grade denominational schools for girls in the South, and these are the sources from which we must largely draw our volunteers. Our Conference officers and field workers, our Home Base and Educational Secretaries, and two able candidate secretaries withdrawn from the already depleted ranks in the mission fields have given themselves to this work during the past year and some of them for a much longer period. Our work grows, and the need of a selected class of workers increases. We face an emergency. How can we meet it?

The great laymen's meeting recently held in Kansas City, Mo., advocated by an overwhelming majority a "selective draft" for securing these soldiers for Christ's army. This is one of the great lessons that have been taught us by the cruel war that is claiming our best. Under our form of Methodist polity the men for either the home or foreign field can be selected in this way. But not so with the women, who constitute more than one-half of our force on the foreign fields. Any or all of those for either field may be rejected, but they cannot be selected except as they volunteer for service. With quickened faith and more persistent prayer we must cry to Him who said: "All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth. Pray ye the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into his harvest." It was he who by his own wondrous method of draft selected Paul and Deborah and many who gave their bodies to be burned. Is this Council not ready to form a Prayer League whose members in the night watches and in the early morning hours, and again in the evening when the sun goes down behind the horizon, will send up a volume of united prayer to Him to thrust forth the best and bravest into his white harvest fields?

Fifteen years ago the vision of this increasing need and of how the Church might help to meet it came to the women of the Church. The State universities, with their splendid equipment and wide-open doors to the prepared students from all sections of the country, were, many of them, admitting women on the same basis as men. Hundreds of the best and most ambitious young Christian men and women were crowding into them. Bible schools or classes at these educational centers were almost unknown, and even dormitories for women were a doubtful venture. Now, as the hundreds of women have become thousands in universities and normal schools, hostels under Christian

supervisors and lay workers, Bible halls with missionary faculties, parish houses, and evangelistic chapels dot the grounds of many of these.

In some of our Southern States one-third of the student bodies in the universities are members of the Methodist Church or of Methodist families. The women of this body have as yet established but one of these religious homes for her students. In connection with the College of Arts at Denton, Tex., the women of the North Texas Conference have for fourteen years owned and contributed a splendid hostel in which a religious home life is maintained that affects the entire student body. The Home Department has long felt that this Council must, by the establishment of dormitories at the State universities, claim the lives of these Methodist young people, that the hand of the Church may be laid upon them for service in the mission fields.

The Week of Prayer.—The General Conference which convenes on May 2, 1918, marks the fortieth year since the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Church was organized. The Home Mission Society was organized ten years later. Many of the workers who have answered the command of "Go ye" and have borne witness through long years of service for His name's sake are growing old and will not be able to bear the heavy burdens much longer. We must make it possible for them to have the comforts of life and to be cared for in the last days, when they can no longer have a salary. The relief and retirement funds are wholly insufficient to meet the need. The Executive Committee has decided that this year may be the time when it would be wise and right to make the Week of Prayer a memorial to our loved pioneers who are still with us, asking the society and the Church, where we may, to make financial offerings to the pension fund, that these dear children of God who are yet with us may want for no material comfort when they lay down the work to wait for his coming. We hope the Council will direct that this shall be done.

Despite the indebtedness with which the quadrennium began, the work has grown by leaps and bounds. The missionary spirit is quickening the hearts of God's people as never before in the history of the Church, and a new era is before us. Additional workers who can give all their time to administrative or field work are imperative, if we would meet the demands of the hour. God help us to be wise and to do his will in all things, that his kingdom may come and his will be done on earth as it is done in heaven! BELLE H. BENNETT.

REPORTS.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT, MRS. J. W. PERRY.

Notwithstanding the absorbing and distracting conditions incident to the great world war, and notwithstanding the loss sustained by the young people through the resignation of their efficient and consecrated leader, Mrs. J. E. Grubbs, the work has gone steadily forward. It is impossible to express adequately in words the work, loyalty, and coöperation of the Conference First Vice Presidents. The following statistics are cause for gratification:

Auxiliaries	1,465
New auxiliaries	326
Members	27,536
New members	7,393
Mission study classes	792
Boxes of supplies	252
Institutes and district rallies	145
Volunteers for Christian service	16
Roll of Honor auxiliaries	167
Gifts for missions	\$34,942.22

Although 326 new auxiliaries have been organized, there has been a net increase of only 89. This may be accounted for by some of the auxiliaries being promoted to the Adult Department, while some others doing efficient work fail to report to the Conference First Vice Presidents, and still others for lack of leadership have fallen by the way-side.

A comparison with the report of the previous year shows an increase of 2,734 members, the Virginia Conference leading in number of new members. This Conference has the distinction of having the largest number of auxiliaries and of members.

THE GOAL OF A TEN-PER-CENT INCREASE.

An earnest effort has been made in many of the Conferences to attain the goal for 1917 as set by the Council. Six Conferences have reached that goal in new auxiliaries, new members, and in offerings—namely, Little Rock, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Upper South Carolina, and Holston. In addition to the six making the increase in all three points, seven others had a ten-per-cent increase in new auxiliaries: Baltimore, Kentucky, Missouri, New Mexico, South Georgia, St. Louis, and Tennessee. Five additional Conferences made the increase in members: Missouri, Northwest Texas, South Georgia,

St. Louis, and Southwest Missouri. While seven others have increased their offerings ten per cent and over: Baltimore, Louisville, New Mexico, Northwest Texas, Southwest Missouri, Tennessee, and Virginia.

The Week of Prayer was observed by four hundred auxiliaries, which is an increase of nineteen over the previous year. There have been 792 mission study classes reported by the Conference First Vice Presidents, which is thirty-one less than the number reported the year before. However, you will note from the Educational Secretary's report that there has been an increase of sixty young people's mission study classes as reported by the enrollment cards. There has also been a small increase in the number of district rallies and institutes held, but the number is far less than it should be when consideration is given to the value these meetings are to the progress of the work.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The fact that fifty more auxiliaries attained the Standard of Excellence is indicative of the thorough work being accomplished and is an assurance of a more competent leadership for our Adult Department in the coming years. There have been 167 auxiliaries "decorated" for efficient service with the ribbon flyers. The Texas Conference leads with fourteen auxiliaries; West Texas and Western Virginia each have twelve on this Honor Roll. Western Virginia deserves special mention, since, with twenty-one auxiliaries in the Conference, twelve are on the Honor Roll.

SUMMER CONFERENCES.

The Louisville and Kentucky Conferences did a wiser thing than they knew, perhaps, when they made plans for a permanent association for a young people's summer camp. Approximately one hundred and fifty young people from these two Conferences attended the past summer, and their enthusiastic appreciation attests the wisdom of the enterprise. Five other Conferences have reported as having participated in similar meetings. The program of the Little Rock Young People's Missionary Conference showed wise and careful planning, and the results of the meeting were an ample reward for the splendid effort made by the leaders.

VOLUNTEERS.

It is a cause for deep concern that only sixteen volunteers for definite Christian service have been reported. The call for patriotic service, which is appealing so strongly to the young life of our nation, must not be allowed to drown the call for loyalty and service to the eternal kingdom.

URGENT NEEDS.

Two things have impressed themselves as being of vital importance at this time. One is a more efficient leadership for the young people's

auxiliaries. Throughout the Church the work of organization goes on, and for a time these new auxiliaries prosper and give promise of a vigorous and healthy growth; yet for lack of an interested, sympathetic, capable leader they gradually lose vitality and eventually cease to be. The loss to our work through lack of well-equipped leadership is tragic, but more tragic is the loss sustained by the young women themselves, who are thus deprived of the development and enrichment that come through active service in the Young People's Missionary Society. This body can do no better thing than to devise some plan for the training of leaders of young people's work.

Another question demanding serious consideration is the new conditions confronting the young womanhood of the nation and our responsibility in meeting these conditions. As the young men are going out in vast numbers to give themselves for a righteous cause, the young women too are being called upon to enter new and untried walks of life, taking up the activities hitherto engaging the young men. Their excitement and bewilderment is just as great as that of the men in the cantonments or "over there." They need protection and a kindly, sympathetic interest as they enter the new doors of activity opening to them—doors that have been opened by the necessities of this cruel war, but doors that will not be closed when our boys return victorious from the front.

The responsibility presses heavy upon the Christian women of America to maintain and uphold the high standards of womanhood wherein lies the security of our nation, and to protect and shield the young women against the allurements that would seek to destroy the noblest and best in life.

May wisdom from above be given at this time that we may plan wisely and well for the tasks that are ours!

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT, MRS. W. A. ALBRIGHT.

"And the child grew" is the record of the Children's Department of the Woman's Missionary Council for 1917 and also the story of the quadrennium. While some features of the work and the reports have varied from time to time, yet it proved to be but the helix of the spiral that, seeming to go down, really climbed higher with each succeeding year. The work as a whole seems to be in a normal condition, having maintained without the cohesion of campaigns a well-balanced forward movement throughout the year. The following table will show the statistical standing for the year:

BABY DIVISION.

Divisions	1,216
Increase in divisions	217
Members	14,740
Increase in members	2,758
Promoted to Junior Division	615

JUNIOR DIVISION.

Divisions	2,182
Increase in divisions	366
Members	47,654
Increase in members	10,448
Mission study classes	564
Members of classes	11,298
Divisions presenting Christian stewardship.....	632
Divisions studying social service.....	669
Divisions doing local work.....	577
Divisions on Roll of Honor.....	631
Number observing Week of Prayer.....	457

It is a matter of keen regret to me that I failed to get my report for 1916 in the Minutes, as it was in many respects the best of the quadrennium, showing that eighty per cent of the Conferences advanced in every line of work. But a close study of the records and reports of the present year reveals the fact that this advancement has been maintained, some losing, others gaining; but on the whole there has been enlargement in membership, offerings, mission study, activities, and general efficiency.

The stress and distress of the times have been felt in the children's work. While missionary work is the most far-reaching and enduring form of constructive patriotism, still we note with pride that our children are taking a liberal part in all forms of war relief work, responding gladly with their "bit" of service and means to the call of their nation and to the cry of a suffering world. They are receiving in their school work instructions in war activities where direct claims are brought to bear upon their sympathies, time, and means. So please read between the lines of this report and give the children credit for much more than appears in the figures, finding at the same time one of the chief reasons why we have not been able to meet our pledge. Our records may not be enlarged at the present time by the war work the children are now led to engage in, but their minds and sympathies are being broadened and their lives enriched, which blessings will doubtless react ere long, bringing them to more direct missionary service.

BABY DIVISION.

The Baby Division is the answer to the question, "When shall a child's missionary training begin?" From the cradle to the grave should be the span of a missionary life.

This department is in good condition. Although the reports show fewer organizations, still there has been a creditable gain in members and in money. There have been 615 members promoted to the Junior Division. More than 2,000 have been promoted during the quadrennium. Tennessee still holds the laurel of leadership in point of members, North Georgia and Texas following in the order named, while

North Carolina, Holston, and Kentucky have made the largest contributions in money.

That there are scarcely more than half as many Baby Divisions as Junior Divisions is inexplicable, since the existence of the Junior Division makes the Baby Division obligatory. Twenty-eight Conferences increased their offerings during 1917.

JUNIOR DIVISION.

This department made its highest record in 1917, each year of the quadrennium showing an increase in every line of work. A most noteworthy fact is that the growth has been well distributed over the whole connection, found largely in the smaller Conferences. There were enrolled during the year 47,654 members. During the quadrennium there has been an aggregate of more than 176,000 members, with a yearly average of over 44,000. To this add the aggregate membership of the Baby Division, which is 63,000 plus, and the yearly average of the whole organization will reach more than 60,000. North Georgia, North Carolina, and Western North Carolina, respectively, lead in number of members, duplicating their record for 1916. North Georgia and North Carolina carry the banner of leadership for the quadrennium.

Mission study seems to have a permanent and growing place in the children's organization. The courses of study are so wisely and attractively prepared that teaching becomes a delight. The excellent work reported from many of the Conferences is the best evidence of genuine appreciation. North Georgia and Central Texas have the largest number of these young missionary students.

An earnest effort has been made to encourage the children in daily prayer and Bible study. They are asked to form prayer circles, praying for their work, their leaders, themselves, and others. The pure love and simple faith of the children, with their unobstructed approach to the Saviour, should be one of the greatest sources of power in the work of missions, one that is awaiting development at the hands of wide-awake leaders.

There seems to be a clearer understanding of the work, pointing evidently to a more intelligent and faithful use of the helps provided by the Council. Many Conferences and auxiliary workers testify to the value of the leaflets, yearbook, catechism, and other helps in their work; and the large number of Junior Divisions on the Roll of Honor speaks conclusively of the faithfulness and understanding with which the Juniors are working.

Christian stewardship and social service are receiving more regular attention by a much larger number of Junior Divisions. The quarterly social service studies prepared by Miss Mabel Howell and published in the *Young Christian Worker* are proving most helpful in the conduct of social service work.

Local work is very attractive to the children (a point that needs to

be carefully directed and controlled). The reports show a great deal of work done for parsonages and churches and many boxes of supplies sent. Many other local activities are found among their labors of love and efforts at expressing the missionary spirit working in their lives.

One of the strongest allies of the Children's Department is our very own delightful and superb periodical, the *Young Christian Worker*. Leaders, workers, women, and children everywhere are finding in its columns inspiration and help for their lives and work. Its own worth speaks louder than words of praise. We extend to our editor our sincere thanks for the beautiful work she is doing in behalf of the children of the Church and for the little children of the whole world through the *Young Christian Worker*. North Georgia and Western North Carolina have the largest number of subscribers.

WEEK OF PRAYER.

The Week of Prayer brought a blessing to the Children's Department. Having their very own programs and a special time and place assigned to them at that season leads them to feel that they have a real responsibility to meet, and they gladly do it, as Mrs. Ross's report will show. North Georgia and Central Texas are leaders in this feature of the work.

FINANCES.

The offering for the year is \$26,945.79, an increase of \$787.36 over last year. While this increase is not as large as in 1916, nor by any means what we hoped to attain, yet the fact that we have gone beyond all previous records is sufficient cause for rejoicing and great gratitude, and we are glad to know that the children have a share in the general financial enlargement that has come to our treasury. Twenty-three Conferences increased their Junior offering, while in the Baby Division twenty-eight Conferences contributed more than in any previous year. A total of \$98,245.28 has been raised during the quadrennium (we had hoped it might be \$100,000), which is an average of about \$24,560 for each of the four years, an increase of more than \$1,100 per year. North Carolina is still the leader, contributing \$2,815.73, having held first place throughout the quadrennium. North Georgia comes next with \$2,194.72, while Western North Carolina (\$1,971.12), South Georgia (\$1,241.63), and Memphis (\$1,147.44) are the three next highest for 1917. Western North Carolina has held the third and South Georgia the fourth highest place for the quadrennium. The increase this year has come entirely from the smaller Conferences. Mrs. Ross received remittances during the year from thirty-nine Conferences.

For a year and a half very little work has been accomplished through my office; therefore the credit for every achievement must be given to the Conference and Auxiliary Second Vice Presidents and to

the children themselves, who have so faithfully carried on the work. Indeed, too much praise and appreciation cannot be accorded to this body of fine women who are doing such splendid work in the Conferences by correspondence and through the press, also by presenting the children's work at annual, district, and auxiliary meetings.

And there is much evidence that the children are responding to every effort made in their behalf. No one doubts that all the labor and money expended in their development is the wisest investment that can be made and will in due season bring the largest returns.

"If you would write your words in a book, if you would cut them on the lead with stylet of iron, if you would drive them with chisel and mallet into the rock, if you would send them down the ages and centuries and milleniums, aye, into eternity, write upon the young soul."

FOREIGN WORK, MISS ESTHER CASE, ACTING SECRETARY.

Great as must have been the surprise among our women when it was known that a *missionary* was in the office of the Foreign Department, it could not have been greater than the surprise of the missionary herself, when she was called to Nashville last August as office assistant and when she found herself Acting Administrative Secretary a short time afterwards. Pardon this personal reference, but ever since I accepted work with the Council, years ago; I have felt that in doing the work intrusted to me I have complied with God's will, and I have taken all indications from the Council to be His direction for me. Therefore, when this call came, I undertook the new responsibility in the same spirit in which I have labored on the foreign field, realizing my limitations, but trusting for wisdom, strength, and power to perform the difficult tasks set before me. Having, heretofore, viewed the work from the standpoint of a worker on the field, localized to one section, it has been an inestimable privilege to see it now from the opposite viewpoint and to get a larger vision of world needs. No doubt mistakes have been made, but they have not been the result of willful carelessness nor of lack of disposition to seek the advice of those more experienced in the work.

Correspondence has been carried on with missionaries and other workers in all our fields, and many letters have been written to persons in our own country in connection with the work. A careful study has been made of the conditions and needs of the work and workers in our several mission fields, and in this, as well as in carrying on other duties of the office, the experience gained while serving as a missionary has been an invaluable asset in working as a secretary.

If there were space in this report, descriptions of the intricacies of giving a power of attorney to a missionary in China, securing a passport for a missionary to Mexico, and arranging the travel of mission-

aries to Africa, as well as a number of other details of the work, might be of interest.

MISSIONARY CENTENARY.

In coöperation with the Centenary Commission, plans were perfected for making a survey of our mission fields, and blanks and questionnaires were prepared and printed, which were sent to the fields from the foreign office; a number of communications have also been sent by post and cable regarding the centenary celebration and the survey. Our missionaries have responded cheerfully and promptly to requests which have made heavy demands upon their time and have held the necessary meetings, compiling statistics and writing papers descriptive of their work and its needs, and the desired enlargement of work during the five-year period, 1919-1923. Let us hope that such a forceful presentation of these needs may be made to our constituency that the necessary funds and workers may be secured for the enlargement of the work, in order that we may do our full part in the evangelization of the world.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL MEETINGS.

These meetings were held in New York and Garden City, L. I., in January, 1918.

Committee on Coöperation in Latin America.

The Committee on Coöperation in Latin America, composed of representatives of mission boards having work in Latin America, met in New York on January 12, 1918. This committee was formed in 1913, and its work has been enlarged since the Panama Conference until it has become the medium through which the different boards carry on coöperative work in Latin America. There are now in actual operation the following union institutions: Union Theological Seminaries in Mexico and Chile; Union College, in Argentine; Union Academy, in Porto Rico; University Federation, in Brazil, with similar institutions in process of organization in several other countries; Union Book Depositories, in Cuba and Porto Rico; Union Church papers, in Porto Rico, Peru, Bolivia, and Chile. Three missionaries have been allocated by their boards as secretaries: Mr. S. G. Inman, Executive Secretary; Rev. G. B. Winton, D.D., Editorial Secretary; Rev. W. E. Browning, D.D., Educational Secretary. Two other missionaries are giving their full time as Secretaries of Regional Conferences, and another has been allocated in the Department of Literature. The committee decided to request the several boards interested in Latin America to meet the amount of its budget next year instead of meeting its expenses through private contributions, as has been the case in the past.

Committee on Medical Work in China.

Medical training for Chinese women was the subject under consideration of the Committee on Medical Work, which met in New York on January 14, 1918. This committee is composed of representatives of eight different boards having work in Central China. The opinion of those present was unanimous regarding the necessity of such training. The number of such medical schools needed, the language in which they should be taught—whether vernacular or English—the sources from which they would draw their pupils, and the advisability of making them union schools were freely discussed. The committee requested that each board having work in Central China appoint a representative as member of a committee which shall consider these and other points in connection with medical work and report to the different boards for action.

Our own Medical Training School, now located at Soochow, is one of the institutions under consideration, and if this school should be enlarged by the coöperation of other boards and be moved to Shanghai, where the graduates might have later the advantage of postgraduate work in the institution of the China Medical Board, our opportunity for service in China would be greatly enhanced.

Foreign Missions Conference of North America.

At Garden City Hotel, Garden City, L. I., the Foreign Missions Conference of North America held its twenty-fifth annual meeting January 15-17. The Conference is composed of representatives of more than thirty mission boards, and topics of interdenominational interest and of vital importance to the work in the mission fields, as well as questions of missionary policy and administration, were discussed. More coöperation among the different denominations was urged. The necessity of asking for larger gifts, in the light of the immensity of our task to evangelize the world, was brought out, and the demand for definite and constant prayer to this end was emphasized. The needs of the work for women, for more missionary volunteers, and for better missionary preparation were discussed.

Federation of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions in North America.

Forty-one mission boards, the Young Women's Christian Association, and the Student Volunteer Movement are represented in the Federation, which held its annual meeting in New York on January 18. For the home field, reports were read from the Committees on Home Base, Methods of Work, Summer Schools, Student Work, and Publications. For the foreign field, reports were read on Christian Literature and United Institutions. Gingling College, in whose support the Council participates, is one of these united institutions. Mrs. J. H. Moore retired as President, and our own Mrs. H. R. Steele was elected Presi-

dent of the Federation. A number of missionaries, among them Dr. Ethel Polk, of China, were present and were given an opportunity to tell of their work.

THE NEEDS OF OUR MISSION FIELDS.

Wonderful results have been obtained wherever we have had work, and the plan of occupying great centers and strategic points in all the countries in which we are interested has placed it on a firm basis. A study of what has been done during the past years reveals the fact that God has directed and prospered the work in the face of many obstacles. However, a few conditions that stand out prominently seem to demand attention.

1. The need of a more definite policy for the work; as, whether there should be normal schools, hospitals, and evangelistic work in addition to educational work in all our fields, etc.

2. The desirability of a better correlation of the work of our educational institutions in each field. Some work has been done along this line, notably in Brazil, where several of our schools belong to the University Federation.

3. The necessity for new work along lines of social evangelism. A beginning has been made in institutional work in Korea and Brazil. There are many opportunities for this kind of work in other countries as well, and it should be made a large feature in our plans when we reënter Mexico.

4. The urgent need of a more determined effort to train native leaders. We should systematically plan to turn over as much of the work as possible into the hands of native leaders as fast as they can be trained to assume the responsibilities.

5. The necessity for more missionaries. The lack of missionaries is appalling—the ranks are being continually depleted by illness and other causes, and temporarily so by furloughs. For several years we have had barely a sufficient number of new missionaries to enable us to hold our own. We need strong, well-trained young women to enlarge the work in all our fields.

6. The need of a more definite and systematic effort to bring the conditions of our foreign fields to the knowledge of our women at home in such a way that they may be led to respond with the prayers and money necessary for carrying on the work; and that our younger women in larger numbers may give themselves to the work as missionaries. There is a crying need for new workers from every quarter. Let us earnestly pray that God may lay His hand upon the young college women throughout our Southland and gently and compellingly lead them into this service; that He may call many high-school girls to prepare themselves for this great service for humanity in the service

of their Master; yea, that He may lead multitudes of young girls, who are hearing in missionary societies, Sunday schools, Epworth Leagues, and in Christian homes of the vast harvests waiting for workers to gather them in, to dedicate themselves early in order that they may work to this end throughout the whole period of their educational training.

THE ORIENT.

The work in China, Korea, and Japan has moved forward during the past year, and, as the individual reports of our missionaries show, they and their helpers have been faithful. Many unsaved have been brought into the knowledge of the gospel; numbers of patients have been treated in our hospitals in China and cared for by our nurses in Korea; the attendance at our Bible schools and institutes has been larger than before; our evangelistic missionaries and Bible women have been zealous in the performance of their work; and a host of children who have attended our day and boarding schools have studied the Bible and have lived under the direct influence of missionaries and Christian teachers.

Our missionaries have labored under financial burdens new to those fields. The difficulty is the direct result of the increased demand for silver, caused by the world war and its consequent increase in value in relation to gold. If this condition continues, provision will have to be made to meet the deficit at many of our stations in the East; otherwise, some branches of the work will have to be discontinued. In spite of this condition, plans are being made for the future enlargement of the work on all the Oriental fields as soon as funds can be secured for new buildings, equipment, and the support of new workers.

China.

The effects of the present world conditions in the unfavorable rate of exchange have been felt in China to a greater degree than in any other country of the Orient, and, in consequence, our missionaries have found it difficult in many places to keep the work going at its usual standard of efficiency. The cost of living has greatly increased, and this is all the more distressing because the high rate of exchange makes the money sent for the support of the work produce much less than it did before the war. Notwithstanding this condition, without exception our representatives have gone forward bravely and have done their utmost to keep the work going.

The death, in July, 1917, of Miss Helen Richardson, for twenty-seven years principal of McTyeire School, was a severe blow to our work in China. The faculty chose Miss Alice G. Waters, Secretary of Shanghai District, to act as principal for the present school year, and Miss Waters is serving in that capacity in addition to carrying her already heavy work.

The enrollment in our schools has been full, and our evangelistic missionaries and Bible women have been faithful to their duty, in

spite of the handicap of the cold winter, which was as severe in China as in our own country.

A profitable sale of the work of the Moka Embroidery Mission was conducted in Shanghai, during the holiday season, at which nearly one thousand dollars was realized. An agency for the mission has been established at Winston-Salem, N. C., by Miss Frances Burkhead, the superintendent of the mission, who has been in this country on furlough. Mrs. H. B. Pulliam is in charge of the agency.

Our medical work has had a profitable year. Dr. Louise Ingersoll went out last summer under a two years' contract to supply the place of Dr. Ethel Polk, who has been in this country on furlough, and of Dr. Harriet F. Love, who is due a furlough the coming year. The medical school was carried to Shanghai for a few months, in order to have the benefit of a larger number of physicians on the faculty, but after Miss Richardson's death it was taken back to Soochow. There is great need for the enlargement of the school to meet the growing demand for well-trained Chinese women physicians. This need has been referred to in the report of the Committee on Medical Work in China. It is desirable that other boards coöperate in this work in order to secure the necessary workers and funds to properly house, equip, and run the school.

It should be a source of rejoicing to our missionary workers at home that the Christian womanhood of China has caught the spirit of our Master and in loving obedience to His last command they have organized themselves, with the assistance of some of our missionaries, into a Conference Missionary Society, composed of various auxiliaries. These Chinese women, so lately come out of heathendom, many of whom live in abject poverty, are contributing toward the evangelization of their fellow countrymen in the interior of China and, through the Council, are sending money for the work in Africa.

During the year we have lost one missionary by death and one by resignation, two missionary teachers have resigned to be married, and three missionaries have been away from the field on prolonged furloughs. To offset this loss two new missionaries were sent to China last fall and are studying the language. This gives an idea of the need for new workers to carry on the work as it is at present organized. Many more missionaries will be needed if new lines of activity are to be taken up or new places entered. "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

Japan.

Our work in Japan has also met with an irreparable loss in the death of Miss Maud Bonnell, who passed away in Los Angeles, Cal., last November, after protracted ill health. It was Miss Bonnell's earnest wish that she might die in Japan; and because of her deep

consecration and her peculiar fitness for the work, it was thought that even a short time of service would be of inestimable value. Her physician favored her going; therefore she had made her plans to return, when she was suddenly taken worse and died on the eve of Thanksgiving Day. Miss Bonnell was principal of the Lambuth Memorial Bible Training School at Kobe. During Miss Bonnell's absence from the field, Miss Ida Shannon was loaned to the Council by the Board of Missions as acting principal. Miss Annie Belle Williams, formerly associate principal, has just returned to Japan after her furlough in this country and has been appointed principal. Miss Williams has spent a part of her furlough in Bible study, and this additional preparation better fits her for her new responsibility.

Because of the insanitary condition of the rented building in which our missionaries are living in Oita, an exception was made to the ruling of the Mid-Year Executive Committee, deferring all building in the Orient until after the war, in the case of the Workers' Home. It has been necessary to increase the amount appropriated for this purpose in order to secure a contractor. A recent letter has brought the news that the ground has been broken for the foundation, and the building is probably now in process of erection.

Evangelistic work in the form of kindergartens, club work, and visitation has been carried on by our missionaries with the assistance of native workers, and a number of people have been reached with the gospel message.

We have lost one missionary by death and another through ill health; and while Miss Williams has returned to her post, this is Miss Newcomb's year for rest. Two new missionaries were sent to the field last year, but they are in the language school; so, decidedly, we are not holding our own in the number of missionaries in Japan.

Korea.

A large part of our Korean work is evangelistic, and our missionaries and Korean Bible women have cultivated the territory already entered by circuit visitation and day schools, but have not been able to extend the work for lack of a sufficient number of workers. The attendance at Bible institutes has been good, particularly at the Union Institutional work in Seoul. The Methodist Episcopal and Presbyterian are the other participating boards in this work, and it is the hope of our missionaries that a suitable plant for this work may be erected within the near future.

Mention has already been made of a ruling of the local Executive Committee to the effect that no new buildings shall be erected in the Orient until world conditions become settled. Unusual circumstances in Korea made it necessary to waive this decision in the case of the Wightman-Humbert Memorial Religious Building at Holston Institute,

in Songdo. Because assurance had been given the authorities of Songdo that the building would be put up at a certain time, it was impossible to postpone its construction without causing serious trouble; therefore permission was granted our missionaries to proceed with the building, and there is no alternative other than to meet the increased cost of building.

We recently bought a plot of ground near the new Industrial School in Wonsan. The city of Wonsan was contemplating the erection of a slaughterhouse on this land adjoining our school property, which would have proved a menace to our work and might have made it impossible for us to continue our schools. We had not contemplated adding to our property in Wonsan, but this land will serve for the necessary mulberry grove for the silk culture at the Industrial School. Several thousand cocoons are now on hand, and a number of women have made application for entrance into the Industrial School. A Japanese teacher trained in the government schools has been engaged. There is great need of a missionary trained in industrial arts to take charge of this school.

The part we are taking in medical work in Korea is done in co-operation with other boards by furnishing a missionary nurse, Miss Rosa Lowder, in Ivey Hospital, Songdo, and another, Miss Grace McCubbins, in the Union Hospital, at Wonsan; and by allocating a missionary, Mrs. J. P. Campbell, as matron at Severance Hospital, in Seoul.

In all our stations, Seoul, Songdo, Wonsan, and Choon Chun, our work has prospered.

As to workers, Korea is, perhaps, in harder straits than either China or Japan. Miss Noyes has been compelled to return to the United States because of ill health, and two missionaries are at home on extended furloughs for health reasons. Four missionaries are due furloughs this year. Last year only one missionary, a nurse, was sent to Korea. The most urgent need is for educational missionaries in order to properly conduct the schools already established and to place the Industrial School on a proper basis.

LATIN AMERICA.

The relations between the governments of our own country and those of Latin America have brought conditions in those countries to the attention of our people in a new way that should make us realize more than ever our responsibility to the Latin-American people in a spiritual way. The Council has work in only three of the republics that compose the whole of Latin America, and in these three countries there is much more to be done before we fully cultivate these, our nearest mission fields. The work of our missionaries in Brazil and Cuba has made gratifying advance. The Committee on Coöperation in Latin America is doing much to standardize and unify the work

of the different mission boards along educational and literary lines, especially in Brazil. The work in Mexico is still closed because of the unfortunate conditions that continue to exist there.

Brazil.

Miss Layona Glenn, who for a number of years has served as secretary in Brazil, has retired from the work in order to care for her aged parents, and she returned to the United States in the early autumn. Miss Glenn has given excellent service to the Council, and her resignation was accepted with regret. Miss Eliza Perkinson, Principal of the Collegio Americano, Petropolis, was chosen by the missionaries as secretary to succeed Miss Glenn.

With the exception of two places, our work in Brazil is at present educational. Miss Amelia Elerding has for more than twenty-five years devoted her time to evangelistic work. She is located in Sao Paulo, where she carries on her personal work and superintends the work of native Bible women. The Council coöperates with the Board of Missions by appointing Miss Blanche Howell to People's Central Institute, in Rio de Janeiro, for evangelistic work. A Bible woman also works in connection with the Institute.

Our schools in Petropolis, Piracicaba, Bello Horizonte, Ribeirao Preto, and Porto Alegre have had a most satisfactory year's work. Dr. Browning, Educational Secretary of the Committee on Coöperation in Latin America, has written in the highest terms of the work of our schools in Brazil. Space will not allow me to incorporate the whole of his statement in this report, but the following excerpt of his description of Collegio Piracicabano, of which Miss L. A. Stradley is principal, gives an idea of the esteem in which our work is held by other workers in Brazil:

"There is a fine student body. The premises are kept in beautiful order, and the buildings, modeled after the old Southern mansions and set back from the street among palms and other semitropical plants, present a very pleasant appearance to the passer-by. I visited a number of the classes and, so far as one can tell from such a superficial examination, judge that good work is being done. The dormitories were clean and well aired, the beds well made, and the closets full of clothing neatly hung in order. A pleasing touch was that of finding in almost all the beds, especially in the dormitory of the small girls, one or more dolls neatly dressed and seemingly patiently awaiting the return of the little mothers from the tasks of the day.

"The atmosphere of the school was most attractive, the relation between the teacher and the student seeming to be of the closest and most friendly sort. There is an air of home life about the entire establishment that cannot but have a very wholesome influence on the girls who are preparing to go out from its classes as wives and mothers or as members of society.

"There was a public meeting at night, held in the schoolroom auditorium, which was attended by the students and teachers as well as by a considerable number of teachers from the town. There are in Piracicaba two other very important institutions, the Normal School, with equipment equal to that of Teacher's College in New York, and the State Agricultural College, one of the best I have ever seen as regards equipment and beauty of grounds, and there was a good attendance from the faculty of these schools, as well as from the townspeople."

Our missionaries and Brazilian Christian women have been not one whit behind the women of our Church in China. They have formed a Conference Missionary Society and are enthusiastic regarding its work. It is their earnest desire to establish parochial schools in connection with our pastorates in a number of small towns, and they expect to make the Missionary Society entirely responsible for the support of these schools. They also plan to contribute to foreign missionary work through the Council.

Our force of workers in Brazil is not as full as it should be for the most efficient work of our institutions. One missionary resigned during the year, and two are at home on extended furlough. We sent one new missionary to Brazil last summer, Miss Sara Van Dyke Stout, who is a trained music teacher. Miss Stout is at present studying the language.

Cuba.

Our work in Cuba is entirely educational and has, thus far, been confined to two institutions, the Irene Toland School, in Matanzas, and the Eliza Bowman School, in Cienfuegos. The increase of enrollment and attendance in both schools during the past year has been so great that a number of new pupils have been refused because of lack of room, and in the Eliza Bowman School a waiting list was formed. Both schools have done well in the way of self-support, and if the buildings could be enlarged and more pupils could be received, further advance would be made at each school. It is the desire of our missionaries to enlarge our work in Cuba by the establishment of parochial schools in a number of small towns in which there are congregations of our Church. These schools would be feeders of our two larger institutions; and if they should be established, it would be necessary to appoint a new missionary to Cuba to superintend them. Until this is done, there is no urgent need for new missionaries.

Mexico.

Only one of our schools is now in operation in Mexico, Colegio Ingles, at Saltillo. Prof. E. R. Olivarez has been acting principal of the primary department during the absence of Miss Lella Roberts because of the unsettled conditions in Mexico. The school is being operated as a day school only. Miss Roberts has made repeated applications to the Department of State for a passport in order that she might

return to Mexico and reopen the Normal and Boarding Departments of the institution. The first attempt was made in October, 1917, as it seemed desirable for her to return to Mexico at that time in order to make plans for the new school year. Late in February she was granted a passport, this being the first passport to be granted to any woman going into that part of Mexico. Miss Roberts left San Antonio for Saltillo, Mexico, on March 4, in company with Bishop Denny and Rev. J. B. Cox. The enrollment in the primary department of the school has been good, and, no doubt, under Miss Roberts's wise direction, the Normal and Boarding Departments will soon be reorganized and running according to their former standards of efficiency. She has had the assurance of the friendship of State officials, and the numerous friends and patrons of the school are glad to welcome her back once more to Saltillo.

A contract has been made with Miss Berta Prieto at San Luis Potosi, whereby she and her family live in the school building as caretakers, and in return for this service she has been granted the use of several schoolrooms in which she is conducting a private school.

Rev. L. B. Newberry and family are living in Instituto Colon, Guadalajara. Brother Newberry has kindly looked after the building and kept it in repair, and, as presiding elder, he has also had oversight of the building in San Luis Potosi. Rev. J. H. Fitzgerald has rendered a like service by looking after our buildings in Durango and Chihuahua. A contract has been made with Rev. F. S. Montelongo, pastor at Durango, who has taken charge of the buildings and has rented a number of the rooms. The rent is sufficient to pay for taxes and repairs and to meet all other expenses of their upkeep.

Toward the close of the rainy season, a leak in the roof of the building in Chihuahua caused such damage that it became necessary to repair it at once. Brother Fitzgerald kindly left his work and went to Chihuahua to take charge of the repairs. Brother Newberry was equally as kind when a storm injured the roof of the building in San Luis. In spite of the dangers of travel in the central portion of Mexico, he went to San Luis Potosi to look after the work for us.

The rented building in Mexico City has been given up, and a large part of the furniture of Mary Keener Institute has been loaned to the Union Evangelical Seminary. The remainder of the furniture is packed in the mission house in Mexico City.

A meeting of Board secretaries and missionaries of the Board of Missions and the Council was held in El Paso, Tex., December 15-19 for the purpose of discussing the needs of the work in Mexico and of making a survey for the coming centenary celebration. Every phase of the work was freely discussed, and a number of recommendations were made regarding its future. Owing to the constitutional laws of Mexico, it may not be possible for our Church to conduct primary schools in Mexico again, but institutions of higher learning may be

carried on as formerly. Our missionaries were unanimous in the belief that upon the return of our workers to Mexico more work should be done along lines of social evangelism. The Committee on Findings recommended the plan of territorial distribution known as the Mexico City plan. If the General Conference should adopt this plan, we would give up our work in Mexico City, relinquish that in Guadalajara and in San Luis Potosi, and would take over from other Boards in North Mexico the work being carried on by them at several places. The committee recommended that, in education, we confine our efforts largely to industrial, high school, normal, and theological work. The theological, as it applies to work of the Council, would mean a Bible and Training School for Mexican women. The need of special training for native workers was stressed, and also the need for evangelistic missionaries, who shall visit in the homes of the people, conduct club work and operate day nurseries, dispensaries, etc., to meet the needs of a people without the knowledge of Christ, many of whom are ignorant and some of whom have been impoverished by the revolution and brigandage which have already extended over a period of seven and a half years.

AFRICA.

In 1916 plans were made for the opening of the work, and Misses Etha Mills, Etta Lee Woolsey, and Kathron Wilson were consecrated and appointed to Africa at the meeting of the Council. They waited patiently for more than a year for the way to open for them to go to their chosen field of labor, and on August 13, 1917, they sailed from New York for Cape Town, Africa, in company with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Stockwell, of the Board of Missions, and a party of missionaries from the Presbyterian Board. The Belgian steamer service had been discontinued, owing to the world war, and for that reason it was impossible to secure passage direct to the Belgian Congo.

The responsibility of the journey was left entirely with them, and with firm faith and trust in God, feeling secure in his protection, they chose to answer his call to Africa and unfalteringly undertook the voyage in the face of the dangers of travel at this time, knowing that only a few weeks before a boat had been lost on a mine in Cape Town harbor, carrying down with it a number of missionaries.

On September 11 a cablegram was received announcing their safe arrival at Cape Town, where they had to wait three weeks for a steamer to take them up the west coast of Africa to the mouth of the Congo River. Finding that because of yellow fever in Matadi there were no boats going up the Congo, our missionaries were forced to stop in Loando, Angola, in Central West Africa. About the middle of December they started again toward their destination, and our latest news from them indicated that they would be in Wembo-Niama before the end of 1917. While on the journey they have been studying the Batetela language, and as soon as possible Misses Mills and Woolsey will begin school work, and Miss Wilson will assist Dr. Mumpower in

the hospital. Africa, our newest work, is also the most isolated, and conditions there make it in some respects our most difficult field, but our missionaries feel that they are making no sacrifice and count it all joy to have the privilege of doing pioneer work for their Master.

HOME WORK, MRS. R. W. MACDONELL, SECRETARY.

Since the creation of the Woman's Home Mission Society, thirty-two years ago, there has never been a year when the need of such an organization has been more perfectly demonstrated than in 1917. "Our country God's country" has been our slogan during this third of a century; and now that the whole civilized world is drawn into the maelstrom of war, declaring as its one purpose the making of the world safe to live in, the significance of our slogan is evident. In no year have the activities of each department of the home work been more diligently pursued, nor has there been a period when the guiding hand of our all-wise Providence been more apparent. There has never been a year when the reports of conversions, the upbuilding of character, and the spiritual fruits have given larger proof of God's acceptance of our work.

SCHOOLS.

In 1917 we conducted twelve schools, with an enrollment of 2,032, at a cost to the Council of \$57,893.56, a trifle more than \$28 per student. This has not been a year of repairs of building or improvements of property, as we expended \$3,023.41 in repairs only and \$867 for the payment of outstanding notes and obligations. Eighty-eight teachers were engaged in these schools, listed as follows: Two mountain schools, four Japanese schools on the Pacific Coast, one Mexican school, one Cuban school, one school for dependent girls, another for delinquent girls, and another for the industrial training of negro girls. Nineteen night schools have been conducted in connection with the settlement work. Eleven of these in foreign communities, where men and women are taught the English language; seven in industrial centers, where English-speaking people were given a chance at the rudiments of an education; and one where thirty negro boys under sixteen years of age are enrolled.

MOUNTAIN WORK.

SUE BENNETT SCHOOL, LONDON, KY.

The Woman's Missionary Council maintains two of the one hundred and thirty-five schools for mountain people in the eight Southern States traversed by the Appalachian Mountain range. The Sue Bennett School, London, Ky., is located in a region rich in boys and girls, crying for an opportunity for an education. Seventeen teachers were engaged; 408 students enrolled, an increase of 50. Prof. A. W. Mohn was elected principal and entered upon his duties the first of June. There has been notable increase in the enrollment of the High-School

STATISTICAL RECORD OF HOME MISSION SCHOOLS.

School.	Teachers.	Departments.	Individual Students.	Fees Remitted to Council Treasurer.	Cost to Council for Current Expenses above Fees.	Scholarships Paid by Students or Friends.	Permanent Improvements and Outstand- ing Notes.	Value of Property.
MOUNTAIN SCHOOLS:								
Sue Bennett School, London, Ky.....	17	6	406	\$ 5,445 32	\$12,533 10	\$ 8,943 62	\$1,000 00	\$ 80,000 00
Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C.....	14	7	365	3,591 08	11,669 50	12,367 61	916 13	75,000 00
FLORIDA COAST:								
Wolff Mission School, Tampa, Fla.....			45	149 65				8,000 00
Ruth Hargrove Institute, Key West, Fla.....	19	4	400	2,314 29	7,429 85		2,923 35	75,000 00
PACIFIC COAST:								
Japanese Night School, Alameda, Cal.....			6		360 00			
Japanese Primary, Alameda, Cal.....	12		28		360 00		240 00	11,900 00
Japanese Kindergarten, Alameda, Cal.....	1		26		257 00			
Japanese Kindergarten, Oakland, Cal.....	1		22		360 00			
DEPENDENT GIRLS:								
Vashti Institute, Thomasville, Ga.....	7	3	119		10,277 21	9,078 99	826 21	30,000 00
DELINQUENT GIRLS:								
Virginia K. Johnson Home and School, Dallas, Tex.....	6		94		8,755 02	2,541 43		84,000 00
NEGRO INDUSTRIAL:								
Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga.	4	1	144		3,925 44			33,317 00
MEXICAN:								
Holding Institute, Laredo, Tex.....	15	7	375	1,240 00	10,666 44	15,405 77	271 07	150,000 00
Total.....	88	28	2,032	\$12,800 65	\$57,863 56	\$48,337 42	\$6,136 76	\$412,217 00

and Business Departments. There are seventeen in the graduating class, all of whom are planning to go to college or to continue some form of study after graduation. The religious work has been carried on by daily Bible classes and chapel exercises. There is imperative need for additional room for the high-school classes, of a chapel and gymnasium.

The Council expended last year \$12,533.10, the students paid \$5,455.32 for fees and \$8,942.62 for board, making the total cost of maintenance of the school \$26,922.04.

BREVARD INSTITUTE, BREVARD, N. C.

Since 1903, when we assumed control of Brevard Institute, there has been steady growth in enrollment of students and improvement in character of work. Fourteen teachers and 365 students constituted the personnel of this school in 1917. In the early winter of 1917 Prof. Miles Reese died. He had been a member of the faculty for five years, and his influence in the school has been potent. Many of our students were detained by duties at home on account of the war, while several of the older ones were drafted. The canning plant was enlarged in the summer, and some seven thousand cans of vegetables were put up, thus helping in food conservation, as well as supplying work by which students might pay their board and tuition. Through the generosity of a North Carolina friend, a new building is under construction to house the carpentering, blacksmith work, and the print shop. The Young Women's Christian Association, the Young Men's Christian Association, the Sunday and midweek sunrise prayer meetings have helped greatly in strengthening the spiritual growth of our students. The Council expended \$11,469.50 in the upkeep of the institution. The board of students, sales of industries, and local gifts brought the total income to \$27,428.20.

FOREIGN WORK.

Foreign work done in the homeland by the Woman's Missionary Council is located among the Orientals on the Pacific Coast, Mexicans on the border, Cubans in Florida, Italian and French people on the Gulf Coast, and a polyglot people among miners and other immigrant communities. Seventy preachers, teachers, deaconesses, and missionaries are engaged in the whole work, while the Woman's Missionary Council put \$49,153.72 into it, to which we add \$36,204.28 expended by the City Mission Boards in their foreign Wesley House work. This makes a total of \$85,358 expended for the Americanization and Christianization of these foreigners in our country.

ORIENTALS.

The ten thousand Japanese and twelve hundred Koreans allotted to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, by the Pacific Coast Evangelical Association is our portion of the million and a quarter foreign-

born people of California to evangelize. We maintain a force of five Japanese and Korean preachers and six other trained workers in this Oriental work.

Mary Helm Hall, Alameda, Cal.

The Mary Helm Hall furnishes a home for the Japanese pastor and family, for the Japanese teacher, for clubs and classes, and for the social and educational work among the Japanese. We have had a smaller attendance at the night school than usual, but six young men were baptized in 1917 who were converted to Christianity and Christ under its influence. The day school has had a smaller enrollment, due to the interference of the Buddhist priests. Still the school has gone forward with an enrollment of twenty-two. Prof. Isoji Nakajima arrived from Tokyo in August, 1917, to take charge of the school. His wife is assisting him and is also very popular. The Buddhists made two efforts during the year to combine their school with ours, which, of course, were politely declined. The Alameda kindergarten has had its most successful year. The Alameda Boy Scouts of America, Troop No. 7, is composed entirely of members of our Sunday school. The girls' organization, known as the Silver Link Club, has united the Japanese girls for social service. Both organizations have been taught first-aid and other helpful lessons by the Red Cross, Young Women's Christian Association, and Young Men's Christian Association. The Sunday school is perhaps better organized than ever. It boasts two students who have not missed a single attendance for six years, two who have not missed for five years, and twenty-five who did not miss a single Sabbath in 1917.

At Oakland, Cal., the Japanese work, considering its poor housing, has had a profitable year. Four high-school students, four girls from the Sunday school, and several more joined the Church in 1917. The kindergarten has been full to its capacity. The pastor, Rev. Ozaki, has also served the Dinuba Japanese congregation.

At Walnut Grove our Japanese Church is the only Christian organization in the entire community of any race or denomination. There are but sixteen members and twelve probationers, but they built a house for the use of the mission at a cost of \$1,250. The only assistance rendered by the Woman's Missionary Council was the \$200 appropriated for rent. More than two hundred Japanese contributed to this building, though many of them were not Christians. They wanted a decent social center for the Japanese, where they might meet other than at the saloon or on the streets, and were willing thus to help the Japanese Christians. This house has two stories, with auditorium, reception room, kitchen, and bathroom on the first floor and four living rooms on the second. At Isleton we have had a prosperous year. Three other communities on this circuit are asking for Sunday schools. Courtland will provide a schoolroom and home and pay nearly all of the tuition if we can furnish a Japanese kindergartner. For the con-

duct of this Japanese work on the Pacific Coast our Japanese members contributed \$953.55.

KOREAN WORK.

The Korean work at San Francisco has had an impetus this year because of the addition of a number of Koreans who have settled in Northern California. Rev. David Lee continues as pastor of the San Francisco Church. Rev. S. Y. Whang, for five years in charge of our Korean Sacramento Circuit, is preparing for larger service at the Southern Methodist University, at Dallas, Tex. Rev. C. M. Yim, a graduate of the California State University, has succeeded him. The Korean Christian workers of California held a council at Dinuba in December, which was attended by a number of representative Christian Koreans. A permanent council was organized for the purpose of publishing a quarterly for International Sunday school lessons in the Korean language. They are also to arrange a systematic course of Bible study. They purpose holding a Bible institute in each mission each year to keep a record of all Koreans in California, with their change of residence and Church membership. An interesting part of their program is their purpose to formulate a plan of systematic giving and to urge all to assist in the support of Christian effort in California and to endeavor to make their labor contracts so they may keep the Christian Sabbath.

Our Korean members at Manteca are planning to erect a small chapel. There are two hundred and six Korean members in our five missions in California, and last year they raised \$564.56 toward meeting current expenses. The Council expended \$9,804 in this Oriental work, to which must be added the \$1,518.11, raised by the Christian Orientals. There were thirty-three baptisms and forty-one probationers.

MEXICAN WORK.

There are more than a million and a quarter Mexicans in the United States, six hundred thousand in Texas alone, five hundred and sixty thousand in California, Arizona, and New Mexico. Last year 96,180 were admitted into this country. Four times as many Mexicans as any other nationality were debarred from entrance by the United States officials because of being "undesirables."

Holding Institute, Laredo, Tex.

Despite the disturbed conditions throughout the world, Holding Institute enrolled 375 students in 1917, a net gain of 55. Only minor repairs were made on the building during the year, as the matter of a new building had been referred to a special committee. There was no demand for the Normal Department last year, as teaching does not seem to appeal to the Mexicans as it did in former years. Business pursuits are more remunerative, and terms of service extend through the year, hence they prefer the business courses. The Bible Depart-

ment is under the direction of Miss Ruth Floweree. This was supplemented by Epworth League and Sunday school work. During the past year there has been on the part of the priests more pronounced opposition to the school than has obtained for some time. It has not, however, affected the attendance. A girls' dormitory, a large administration building, and a remodeled boys' dormitory are the actual necessities of this school. The Council expended \$10,666.44, plus the income from the fees, \$1,200. The board of the students and local gifts amounted to \$15,405.77, making a total income of \$27,232.21. These figures show that the school is but little more than half self-supporting.

Homer Toberman Wesley House and Clinic, Los Angeles, Cal.

This institution had its largest usefulness last year. The night school enrolled thirty-two, of whom twenty-six became regular Church attendants. Seven have united with the Church, and five are still probationers. There were 2,807 patients treated at the clinic. The nurse-deaconess and head resident have given their entire time to this service. The club work has been under the direction of a third deaconess, who gives but a portion of her time to the Mexican work.

The cost of our work in Los Angeles last year was \$3,350.60, of which \$1,200 came from the interest on the legacy of Major Toberman. The need of an adequate building at this point is pressing. As soon as the property on Sunset Boulevard can be disposed of we will recommend the erection of a building adapted to the needs of the work at Los Angeles.

Wesley House, San Antonio, Tex.

The Woman's Missionary Council became a factor of the Wesley House work at San Antonio in September. The local city board erected a building at a cost of \$5,000, plus the price of the lot. In November it was formally opened, when the Methodist people and the Mexicans of San Antonio were introduced to each other. There are three trained workers in this Wesley House, striving to meet the needs of a large Mexican population. During the year they had access to nine hundred and fifty Mexican homes. The attendance at the kindergarten taxes the house to its capacity. The clubs and classes, Camp Fire groups, and other phases of work are helping to open the hearts of these people to the gospel we bring them. The Council expended \$1,160 in this work in 1917.

Mexican Work at Wesley Chapel, Dallas, Tex.

The Mexican work at Wesley Chapel had encouraging growth, while new work was opened among these people at Austin, Tex.

CUBAN WORK.

Ruth Hargrove Institute, Key West, Fla.

This school was discontinued at the last session of the Woman's Missionary Council, and the establishment of a work to be known as Ruth Hargrove Settlement was authorized. The school property is not located in the Cuban community; and until it can be disposed of the settlement must be postponed, as it is not desirable to acquire more property on this island, there being so little demand for real estate. There is every prospect that the school property will be sold at an early date. At present it is leased for a marine hospital by the United States government. Our activities since the school was closed have been confined to a small Cuban school in a dense Cuban population, directed by Miss Sue Ford. Miss Ford has been most faithful, despite the difficulties under which she has worked.

Wolff Settlement, Ybor City, Tampa, Fla.

Our Wolff Mission School has been most successfully merged from a school plant to a full-fledged settlement. The kindergarten has enrolled fifty-three and reaches thirty-eight different homes. The various clubs and classes have brought many children and young people to the institution. During the year a gymnasium was erected, for which the Council appropriated \$400; the other moneys for this building were furnished by Tampa Methodists. This gymnasium has brought the resident workers in close touch with a large number of neglected Cuban boys. The need of touch with the home life of these foreign people was shown at the opening of the gymnasium, when a prominent citizen made the statement that two-thirds of the juvenile court culprits come from the neglected homes of this district. The Council expended \$3,045 in this Ybor City work.

Wesley House, West Tampa, Fla.

Three trained workers and one native assistant are the regular appointees of the Council in West Tampa. This work has gone forward with remarkable success, when we realize the limitations imposed by the lack of proper buildings. More children have been enrolled in the kindergarten, and a better average attendance has been recorded. Four years ago a small appropriation was made for the establishment of the Rosa Valdes Settlement, but because of the financial depression we postponed erecting the building. The time has come when we can no longer put off the erection of this house. A gymnasium, a day nursery, and facilities for industrial training are necessary if we render the service possible at this place. The Council expended \$2,609.94 on this work in 1917.

ITALIAN AND FRENCH WORK.

St. Mark's Hall, New Orleans, La.

Perhaps the largest opportunity for service offered in any city of the South exists in this section of New Orleans, where St. Mark's Hall is located. Four resident deaconesses and missionaries and a number of volunteer workers constitute the working force of this settlement. By daily intercourse, mutual assimilation of ideas, recreational and educational opportunities, these trained workers are interpreting the Christianity of Christ and winning for him a place among these people. During the summer the Italian Church was moved to its new church building on Rampart Street, and thus the first floor of St. Mark's Hall was released for office and neighborhood parlors and reading rooms. All the work this year has been adapted to war time conditions. Deaconesses and missionaries were made responsible in that precinct for the woman's war work and secured the registration of women, signatures to food conservation pledges, while the Junior Missionary Society and the Camp Fire groups rendered service in the sale of liberty bonds and thrift stamps. With the exception of the head resident, all of the workers at St. Mark's Hall have been new. They have adjusted themselves to each other and have won the hearts of the community. Miss Vogel, missionary-nurse, reports an attendance at the clinics phenomenally large. Sometimes there have been as many as seventy-five patients on a single afternoon. She reports a number as coming into the Sunday school and Church through the medical department. The work at St. Mark's Hall is supported jointly by the local city board and the Woman's Missionary Council. Last year the Council expended \$3,960 for current expenses. A special of \$2,000 was granted for the new building, and \$765 was contributed from the Deering Fund, to be used in the kindergarten, which is to be known as the Deering Kindergarten.

Mary Werlein Mission has been served by Deaconess Aletha Graham since September. Miss Graham's personal touch, through friendly visiting and personal effort, has raised up friends for the work, and this work for her Lord is going forward.

French Work, Houma, La.

At the last session of the Woman's Missionary Council it was determined to enlarge the work among the French people of the Terre Bonne section. Miss Ella Hooper and Mrs. Laura White were appointed and began their work in September. They have opened four centers of service, where there are Churches already established. Each has an appointment at these different centers which fills a full day. Sunday school classes, clubs, missionary societies, and other inspirational meetings are held among the children and women. Homer is headquarters, and it is greatly desired that an institution which will furnish educational opportunities for the girls of this section should

be erected. A great door is open in this section of the country. There was \$1,304.54 expended in opening this new work.

Italian Work, Ensley Community House, Birmingham, Ala.

This settlement serves perhaps the largest distinct Italian community occupied by the Woman's Missionary Council. Our veteran missionary, Miss Dorothy Crim, is head resident, and reports this the fifth year as the best in its history. The Mothers' Club, which perhaps has done more for the neighborhood than any other one organization, has had a successful year. Good work is reported from the night school. Children's clinic, athletic clubs, cooking classes, along with the kindergarten, have furnished points of human contact whereby we hope to Americanize and Christianize these foreign people.

OTHER GULF COAST WORK.

Wesley House, Biloxi, Miss.

This Wesley House serves Austrians, Poles, Spanish, and Americans. Often children of these nationalities are found on the same seesaws and swings on the playgrounds, communicating with each other by means of their broken English, all of them carrying common interest and furnishing opportunity for service. Forty-six foreign children were cared for in the day nursery, and there were 762 meals served, with never a case of sickness reported. Seventy-two were enrolled in the kindergarten. The Sunday school has also grown in numbers. The Wesley House Missionary Society has conducted two Bible classes, studying the Gospel of John. There has been less demand for a night school than in the past, so only one class a week has been conducted, at which thirty-eight boys and girls were enrolled.

Sailors' Rest, Gulfport, Miss.

This institution was closed during the fiscal year, because the war had so decreased the shipping at this port as to make it unnecessary. A deaconess was appointed to Gulfport in the late fall to carry on much needed work at the railroad station for the protection of young women during these days of war. She has added to these duties friendly visiting among the foreign folk at the fisheries and the canneries of Gulfport.

Immigrant Work, Galveston, Tex.

While there have been few immigrant arrivals at Port Galveston, many new activities have been added to the work of our port missionary. His office has practically become an employment bureau. In these troublous days he has been of much service in regard to naturalization of foreigners, and by coopération with the United States Immigration Service, Federal Employment Bureau, and Department of Justice he has been able to serve not only our foreign people, but the

government as well. Our only expense at this port is for salary, office rent, and incidentals of this our one port missionary.

WORK AMONG MINERS.

Wesley House, Hartshorne, Okla.

The Wesley House in the McAlester coal field has conducted the usual Wesley House activities in its effort to Americanize the Italians, Lithuanians, Russians, Poles, and Americans who are found in these coal mines. A kindergarten was added to the program of work last fall.

Marston Hall, Thurber, Tex.

Two trained workers have conducted friendly visiting, club work, kindergarten, Sunday school, and war work among the Americans, the Italians, and Mexicans. The kindergarten and Church services are held in a cottage three-quarters of a mile away from Marston Hall.

Coal Fields of West Virginia.

Our two deaconesses are located at Welch and Kimball, W. Va. Each deaconess serves one or more of these mining towns. They reach the non-English-speaking people by ministering to them in times of sickness and distress. This close relation not only helps them to hold higher standards of living, but also relates these people to our great Protestant faith. A Sunday school at one town and a missionary society in another town are testimonies to the zeal of the workers in these mountainous districts.

Wesley House, Flat River, Mo.

A cyclone in June demolished the Wesley House at Flat River, in the Lead Belt section. Later the I. W. W. interference drove from the mines the foreign-born people, and thus the need of our service was temporarily unnecessary. The two deaconesses who served at this appointment were transferred to others, but we remain ready to reopen the work at such time as it may be desirable and safe. The total expenditure of the Council for its work among the miners in 1917 was \$4,488.45.

NEGRO WORK.

PAINE ANNEX, PAINE COLLEGE, AUGUSTA, GA.

During the year eighty-two girls were cared for in the boarding department, and sixty-two from the town were instructed in the industrial course at Paine College. Our lack of proper equipment and the difficulty in securing qualified colored teachers have handicapped us in the work this year. We are prepared to care for but seventy-five girls in the boarding department, and yet we could double the number if we but had the space. Most of our boarders come from a well-to-do farming class of negroes. The task before us at Paine is to train the

negro women for home-making, for child-training, and for right home ideals. Our task is to protect the young negro girl and train her for her work in the world. We must help educate the children for a safe citizenship, and we must work toward racial coöperation, which will alleviate friction and prejudice between the races. The task, therefore, of the Woman's Missionary Council is not merely to train these negro girls for industrial work, but to develop them for leadership among their own people. We must learn that, as it is in the foreign field, the race itself must assume the place of leadership before the masses will follow. It is evident, therefore, that none short of the best-prepared workers should lead in this negro work; and until we have developed this type of negro woman, our very best white woman, of broad culture, deep religious life, and human sympathy, must become Dean of Paine Annex. At this time of racial difference the Church must make such an offering to this work. In 1917 we expended \$3,925.44 on the Woman's Department of Paine College.

BETHLEHEM HOUSE, AUGUSTA, GA.

Two trained colored women have had charge of this settlement work this year. They are young and inexperienced, but have done good work, as good as the average young woman with no larger experience would be expected to do. The need of leadership here, again, is apparent.

BETHLEHEM HOUSE, NASHVILLE, TENN.

We have had our largest usefulness not only in gathering the waifs and unkept children off the street into clubs and classes, but we have extended our service throughout the negro population of the city. The Bethlehem House has stood as a center for welfare work, for coöperation with other organizations for negro betterment. It has been the center of the war activities among the colored people. The kindergarten clubs and classes and mothers' clubs have been conducted as usual. Our activities have branched out far beyond these, and we are limited in usefulness only by the lack of workers and proper equipment. The total cost to the Council for this work was \$2,947.25. The total amount expended upon the negro work was \$8,589.87 in a field of ten million people.

DEPENDENT GIRLS.

VASHTI INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, THOMASVILLE, GA.

The reports for this institution for 1917 show that only one hundred and five girls were cared for. Each student has a half day of school work and a half day for industrial exercises. The health record and the development of the majority of the girls have been gratifying. Coming from every walk of life, often the by-products of our modern industrialism, the task of character-building here is more difficult than it appears on the surface. The need for such an institution in every

SOCIAL AND RELIGIOUS WORK OF CITY

LOCATION.	TYPE OF WORK.	Workers Appointed by the Council.	Salaried Workers.	Volunteer Workers.	Population of Community.	Homes Reached.	Children in Day Nursery.	Children in Kindergarten.	Number Industrial Classes.	Number Enrolled in Industrial Classes.	Students in Night Schools—English Classes.	Number of Books Loaned.
Cotton Mill:												
Atlanta, Ga.	Wesley House.	5	5	108	3,000	2,277	227	95	14	140	170	990
Angusta, Ga.	King Mill Settlement.	10	10	16	2,000	136	40	37	2	51	15	49
Birmingham, Ala.	Wesley House	3	3	20	900	149	132	81	4	133	24	637
Dallas, Tex.	Wesley House	12	12	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	40	.....	650
Danville, Va.	Wesley House	12	12	22	1,000	200	.....	.....	3	81	.....	35
Darlington, S. C.	Settlement House.	1	1	6	800	200	.....	.....	1	40	.....	473
Griffin, Ga.	Neighborhood House.	1	1	9	6,000	80	.....	.....	4	79	.....	.....
Knoxville, Tenn.	Wesley House.	2	2	5	2,000	691	12	5	5	75	.....	.....
Macon, Ga.	Settlement House No. 1.	1	1	12	800	225	.....	.....	11	92	48	565
Macon, Ga.	No. 2	12	12	14	800	300	.....	.....	6	92	35	.....
Macon, Ga.	No. 3	12	12	14	400	150	.....	.....	8	125	47	843
Meridian, Miss.	Wesley House	3	3	17	2,000	270	16	52	5	63	.....	364
Nashville, Tenn.	Warrior Settlement	3	3	17	.....	.....	.....	65	6	138	.....	816
Orangeburg, S. C.	Wesley House	1	1	7	500	110	.....	.....	2	37	.....	.....
Spartanburg, S. C.	Wesley House	2	2	37	3,000	350	.....	.....	6	148	.....	548
Total	15	29	43	376	23,200	5,047	417	330	79	1,341	330	5,970
Cuban:												
Tampa, Fla.	Wolff Settlement.	4	4	31	15,000	780	.....	62	4	147	.....	.....
West Tampa, Fla.	Wesley House	3	5	3	12,000	474	.....	33	1	59	21	.....
Total	2	7	9	34	27,000	1,260	.....	95	5	206	21	.....
Italian and French:												
Birmingham (Eng.), Ala.	Community House.	2	5	32	3,000	453	.....	60	15	153	47	14
New Orleans, La.	St. Mark's Hall.	4	5	18	25,000	2,000	.....	25	12	223	8	461
Houma, La.	Parish-visiting.	2	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	2	8	12	50	23,000	2,453	.....	85	27	381	55	481
Mexican:												
Los Angeles, Cal.	Tolerman Clinic & H.	3	3	7	700	950	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	40
San Antonio, Tex.	Wesley House	3	3	8	20,000	450	.....	35	2	58	25	.....
Dallas, Tex.	Wesley Chapel.	1	2	9	2,000	600	.....	57	1	25	.....	.....
Total	3	7	8	24	22,700	2,000	.....	92	3	83	70	40
Minnes:												
McAlester Dist., Okla.	Wesley House	2	12	7	2,000	202	.....	30	1	43	3	10
Flat River, Mo.	Wesley House	12	12	.....	150	.....	.....	1	27	59	.....	.....
Weich & Kimball, W. Va.	Friendly visiting.	12	12	9	.....	216	.....	2	105	.....	.....	.....
Thurber, Tex.	Marston Hall.	2	12	4	6,000	244	.....	50	4	76	5	.....
Total	3	8	8	20	8,000	812	.....	89	8	251	67	10
Polyglot:												
Biloxi, Miss.	Wesley House	2	6	12	3,000	450	.....	65	3	81	38	250
Fort Worth, Tex.	Wesley House	1	12	7	4,000	500	.....	58	1	40	40	.....
Kansas City, Mo.	Institutional Church.	4	5	110	20,000	694	156	.....	6	130	.....	.....
St. Joseph, Mo.	Wesley House	3	4	50	16,000	350	75	80	14	172	20	359
St. Louis, Mo.	Kingdom House	3	6	.....	45,000	300	73	126	14	110	.....	1,458
Total	5	13	23	179	88,000	2,294	304	329	38	533	98	2,067
English-Speaking:												
Baltimore, Md.	Friendly visiting.	1	1	.....	450	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Louisville, Ky.	Wesley House	3	5	75	15,000	575	.....	.....	7	462	.....	1,545
Memphis, Tenn.	Wesley House	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mobile, Ala.	Wesley House	2	2	11	6,000	250	.....	.....	2	89	.....	370
Montgomery, Ala.	Settlement House	1	1	20	250	65	.....	.....	3	89	.....	.....
Murfreesboro, Tenn.	Wesley House	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nashville, Tenn.	Wesley House	3	3	40	5,872	800	14	62	7	252	30	450
New Orleans, La.	Mary Werlein Mission	1	1	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Richmond, Va.	Methodist Institute.	1	2	32	2,500	275	.....	.....	9	179	.....	.....
San Francisco, Cal.	Wesley House	1	3	2	50,000	200	.....	.....	8	72	.....	500
Total	9	16	21	180	111,372	3,425	14	85	38	1,137	30	2,865
Negro:												
Augusta, Ga.	Bethlehem House.	2	4	5	.....	300	.....	41	2	35	4	39
Nashville, Tenn.	Bethlehem House.	2	4	.....	3,000	600	.....	60	8	228	.....	.....
Total	2	4	8	5	3,000	900	.....	101	10	263	4	80
Grand total.		92	132	761	317,572	24,269	735	1,529	208	4,195	684	11,463

MISSION BOARDS AND CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

Number of Persons Attending Free Reading Rooms.	Number of Boys' Clubs.	Number of Boys Enrolled in Clubs.	Number of Girls' Clubs.	Number of Girls Enrolled in Clubs.	Number of Young Women's Clubs.	No. of Young Women Enrolled in Clubs.	Number Enrolled in Mothers' Clubs.	Story Hours.	Average Attendance on Playground.	Number of Free Baths.	Number of Entertainments.	Entertainments Given by Community.	Number of Patients Treated in Clinics.	Sabbath School Scholars.	Visits Received.	Visits Made.	Meetings Addressed.	Garments Given.	Current Expenses.
1,513 12	18 1 2 2 1	155 34 54 12 14	2 2 2 1 1	35 25 44 10 25	2 2	40 16 8 18	25 78 69 12 15	4 12 5 1 12	75 85 38	9,443 38	56 4 50 28 5	3 1 1,818 2 2	54	450 199	3,552 7,484 2,319 1,344	3,780 1,591 3,294 2,915	40 49 20 17 6	329 250 38 55 33	\$ 5,396 04 736 18 1,886 70 1,208 00 1,703 09 564 04 1,200 00 953 77 1,593 18 1,593 18 1,449 99 2,000 00 1,534 01
1,122	7 7 8 8 2 1 5	97 40 75 33 52 10 76	2 1 3 2 2 2 2	12 12 36 56 39 15 2	2	13 10 20 30 18 19	63 21 15 50 55	2 52 70 21 1 1 40	281 250 250 63 42	51 20 20 6 3	33 36 39 110	288 306 56 1,002 3	200 200 200 70 39 110 97	2,302 2,319 350 1,500 945 1,341 2,015 2,365 305 1,544	2,184 2,319 1,500 1,957 2,015 2,015 2,365 2,521 707	26 30 14 23 56	430 75 635 243 584	2,779 2,693 49 2,502 65 5,196 14 2,440 44 5,132 30 7,572 74 2,700 00 597 34 2,039 81 5,337 15 1,532 48 900 00 1,520 00 1,124 80 5,077 23 773 03 1,355 21 1,531 3,394 77 3,466 59 16,557 78 2,687 72 1,941 03 533 48 1,799 83 750 00 2,587 52 2,000 00 1,598 82 1,380 00 15,167 40 1,750 00 2,630 00 4,380 00 \$41,040 59	
2,659	51 4 7 4 3 7 15 15 2 2 1 6 30 16 2 1 2	662 70 133 76 101 177 27 37 16 70 26 10 9 70 12 180 150 94	24 2 3 3 3 6 2 1 2 1 2 1 17 1 5	322 27 37 46 31 77 24 24 15 15 30 18 195 35	10 2 3 1 1 14 6 6 20 288 20 2 														

State is apparent; for if we should admit all who apply for entrance at the Vashti Industrial School, it would be the largest institution in the South. The fact revealed by the records of this school should create a larger sense of responsibility for the protection and training of the friendless girls. Protection and education are the birthright of every child. In only two of our Southern States have institutions for dependent girls been provided by the States themselves. In other States the laws specify a fee that may be appropriated for the education of dependent children, but they leave the actual execution of the law to the juvenile courts.

Our own work at Vashti falls far below our own standards. We have postponed the erection of new buildings because of war prices, but during the coming year we must restandardize this work, or we will fail in the high responsibility placed upon us when we assumed to become the young girls' friend. In 1917 the Council expended \$11,144.01. However, we paid \$867 on debts and outstanding obligations. From the board of students for whom we did not furnish scholarships, sale of industries, and gifts \$9,778.99 was obtained. This makes a total of \$21,223 expended in the upkeep of this institution.

DELINQUENT GIRLS.

VIRGINIA JOHNSON HOME AND SCHOOL, DALLAS, TEX.

Ninety-one girls were cared for in this institution in 1917, forty-five of whom were admitted during the year. There were twenty-five births and six deaths. Two years ago the Woman's Missionary Council emphasized its desire that these child-mothers should assume the responsibility of the care of their children. Carefully prepared rules and regulations were adopted. Administering this law has been most difficult because of the character of the girls admitted into the home. Investigation shows that more than a third are mentally deficient and thereby permanently unqualified for making a support for their children. Again, these girls are so young and inexperienced that the difficulty of earning a support for themselves, to say nothing of the children, is apparent. Despite these difficulties, eleven of the girls left the institution with their babes in their arms. They went out into the world to fight for the life of the child and to take their places in the world of struggle and temptation. Do we follow these little mothers with loving interest and earnest prayer when they pass from our care? The Council expended \$8,739.85 on this work in 1917. From the sale of industries, fees of the girls, and donations \$2,541.43 was realized, making a total of \$11,281.39.

DOOR OF HOPE, MACON, GA.

This small institution cared for twenty-two girls during 1917. Nineteen babies were born, three of whom died. The superintendent re-

ports a fine year's work and the assurance that the girls who have been with her are all living Christian lives. The Council makes an appropriation of \$1,700 to this work.

CITY MISSION WORK.

Thirty-eight City Mission Boards have been at work during the year. Two new ones were organized, one at Charlotte, N. C., and the other at Austin, Tex. The work of these Boards has grouped itself around forty-one Wesley Houses, Bethlehem Houses, and other social and religious institutions. Ninety-two deaconesses and trained workers, 132 salaried workers, and 761 volunteers have constituted the working force of these settlements. There is a decrease of 268 volunteer workers, as compared with the report of last year. This, perhaps, is due to the diversion of many Church workers to various war activities. Many of the women of leisure who have given their services in the past have taken the places of men in business houses, thus liberating the men for actual battle.

Last year 24,269 homes, representing 317,572 people, were directly reached through our organized city work. It is by this contact in the home that we hope for the largest influence. Nine day nurseries have ministered to 735 children. A matron of the day nursery at one of these settlements reports as part of her year's work the serving of 10,822 cooked dinners to the mothers and children in the day nursery, 9,806 lunches to the children, and 5,416 baths given to the children under her supervision. She collected from the people she thus served \$792.52. These figures show but a small part of the service of the day nursery, for the large work lies with the mental and spiritual development of the children and mothers. No children are received into our day nurseries whose parents are able to care for them at home.

Two hundred and eight industrial classes gave training to 4,195 people. There is a decrease in the enrollment of night schools, due to the fact that many who attended these schools have been drafted by the government for service. In our fourteen clinics 14,316 patients were treated. There were 74,145 visits made by deaconesses and missionaries, while 71,935 visits from the people of the communities were made to the Wesley Houses.

There has been a demand this year for the coöperative home for young working women beyond that of any year in our history. There are seven of these coöperative homes maintained by the City Mission Boards and served by nine deaconesses. The capacity of these homes is limited. At the Mary Elizabeth Inn, San Francisco, Cal., nearly eight hundred women were turned away for lack of space. The same story is told of the home at Lexington, Ky., Waco, Tex., and the rest. To protect the young working women and to throw about them a Christian environment is the task of the Church in these days of national turmoil.

The Wesley Houses, Bethlehem Houses, and our other social centers found a place in the war program of the nation. The buildings were used for Red Cross work, for community food conservation, and community training centers for war work. Many bushels of beans, tomatoes, and other vegetables were canned, people were urged to plant gardens, and Wesley House workers assisted in the execution of the plans. At St. Louis the Kingdom House became the headquarters of all the Syrian relief work, while in some communities the deaconesses and missionaries led in defense work and in many ways related the work of the Wesley House to the special emergency of the hour. In our foreign settlements we came into closer and more sympathetic touch with the aliens than ever before.

The San Antonio City Mission Board was chartered during the last year in order to own and erect the Wesley Houses. This makes ten City Mission Boards owning their own property, which is valued at \$72,800.

Thirteen business corporations have provided houses free of rent in the neighborhoods where it has been impossible for us to secure locations without their aid. The value of this rental is estimated at \$5,000, while voluntary contributions from such corporations have netted more than \$10,000. These gifts are made with the understanding that we compromise no principle in the event of labor disturbances. This co-operation with industrial corporations has had an influence in the South in creating a social conscience and in establishing welfare work. During the past year three large corporations have appealed to us to provide trained workers for such work.

DEACONESS WORK.

Eighty-two deaconesses and fifty-three missionaries have constituted the working force in the home field, exclusive of the principals and teachers of our schools. Sixteen deaconesses served as Church deaconesses; and their records show 19,226 visits made, 766 meetings addressed, 1,000 people induced to attend Church services, and more than 800 persons helped through clubs, night schools, and reading rooms. The value of the Church deaconess is apparent. Sixteen years of experience in the deaconess work has made it expedient to establish a period of probation for candidates for the work and office of deaconess. This gives the candidate an opportunity to test her adaptability to the work. For this reason we are reporting only one candidate for consecration as deaconess at this session of the Woman's Missionary Council, whereas there are six deaconess probationers recommended by the Candidates' Committee.

Twelve special calls for deaconesses have been listed in our office this year, eight of these from pastors of large Churches. More and more it is becoming apparent that the trained nurse for district service is a demand of home mission work. We believe the Woman's Mission-

REPORT OF CHURCH DEACONESSES.

CHURCH.	CONFERENCE.	DEACONESSES.	Visits Made.	Visits Received.	Meetings Addressed.	Hours Spent in Office Daily.	Bibles, Tracts, and Papers Distributed.	Persons Induced to Attend Church.	Value of Food and Garments Given.	Persons Professing Conversion.	Persons Reached through Night Schools, Clubs, and Reading Rooms.
Asheville, N. C., Central Church.	Western North Carolina.	Miss Rena Murphy.....	1,524	220	72	1	225	.....	\$ 185 00	7	.....
Baltimore, Md., St. John's Inn.	Baltimore.....	Miss Corneia Godbey.....	1,383	.....	25	.....	62	40	180 75	.....	.....
Beaumont, Tex., First Church.	Texas.....	Miss Eliza Lee.....	1,183	.....	85	3	.....	40	85 00	7	.....
Birmingham, Ala., First Church.	North Alabama.....	Miss Margaret Ragland.....	1,887	85	15	.....	.....	.....	786 57	.....	.....
Bristol, Tenn., State St. Church.	Holston.....	Miss Jennie Duckey.....	2,361	550	105	1	242	803	79 90	3	.....
Chattanooga, Tenn., Cen. Church.	Holston.....	Miss Elizabeth Taylor.....	1,021	75	28	.....	.....	.....	331 92	.....	16
Hillsboro, N. C.,.....	North Carolina.....	Miss Daisy Duncan.....	2,198	105	74	8	146	10	66 40	1	43
Houston, Tex., St. Paul's.....	Texas.....	Miss Grace Howland.....	1,188	20	8	.....	51	4	30 50	2	.....
Jonesboro, Ark., First Church.	Arkansas.....	Miss Bessie Bunn.....	1,277	3	93	4	.....	.....	383 41	11	.....
Los Angeles, Cal., Trinity Ch.	Los Angeles.....	Miss Emma Barton.....	870	708	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Memphis, Tenn., First Church.	Memphis.....	Mrs. Mary Hanson.....	48	31	.....	.....	.....	.....	139 75	.....	.....
Raleigh, N. C., Edenton St. Ch.	North Carolina.....	Mrs. Grace M. Dryver.....	767	50	16	.....	.....	4	75 00	.....	.....
St. Louis, Mo., Centenary Church.	St. Louis.....	Miss Jennie Williams.....	879	1,500	147	.....	110	75	235 00	92	800
Shreveport, La., First Church.	Louisiana.....	Miss Josephine Dreyer.....	1,235	570	13	1	57	45	79 15	56	20
Total.....	.....	Miss Grace Gatewood.....	1,610	60	56	1	893	981	\$2,538 35	179	879
.....	.....	.....	19,226	3,977	766	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

ary Council should consider the special training of nurses for district work. There were two deaconess candidates in training at the Scarritt Bible and Training School on deaconess scholarships in 1917.

Miss Mabel Howell occupied the Florine McEachern Chair of Sociology at the Scarritt Bible and Training School in 1917, which was made possible by the endowment fund raised by the children of the Church and the generous gift of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. McEachern. Through this department our deaconesses and missionaries have training in social research and religious work, which enables them to become workers that need not to be ashamed.

WAR WORK.

Last April, at the last annual session of the Woman's Missionary Council, immediately after our country had entered this great twentieth-century war, the deaconesses and home missionaries offered their services to the government for assignment to works of mercy and social service, should there be need. In May the College of Bishops created a Committee on Chaplains and headed its work in the Home Department of Missions. The Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council, at the request of this Chaplain Committee, mobilized for specific war work.

A bugle call was issued asking Methodist women to aid in preserving our national resources by safeguarding the home life. Auxiliaries were urged to organize prayer circles, that soldiers might be fortified in character and made strong to resist temptation. Churches were requested to place on their walls an honor roll bearing the names of officers, soldiers, and nurses who had enlisted for service. Service maps and service flags were recommended. It called the local Churches to keep in touch with their men in the camps by writing letters and notifying pastors in towns near the encampments and to keep in touch with the families of the soldiers at the front. It called for coöperation with Red Cross activities for practicing food and coal conservation and for repeated patriotic meetings.

This bugle call authorized the establishment of Federated War Committees of Methodist Churches near the sites of the cantonments. It recommended the establishment of committees to work in coöperation with the Y. M. C. A. and other organizations authorized by the War Department Commission on Training Camp Activities. Methodist women have responded to this appeal, and entertainment committees for work in the Y. M. C. A. huts in the camps have been created, committees for mending and darning soldiers' clothes, and hospital committees for visiting the sick and convalescent have been most active.

For the soldier outside of the camp, social rooms in the churches have been opened, where books, writing material, comfort, and cheer have abounded. Methodist women have opened their homes to the

soldiers, and hospitality committees have welcomed the wives and mothers of the men in the camps.

Augusta, Ga., Atlanta, Ga., Hattiesburg, Miss., Louisville, Ky., Houston, Waco, and San Antonio, Tex., promptly mobilized and have been in labors abundant. The Central Texas Conference Society has appointed hospital "mothers" for Camp Bowie, Fort Worth, and Camp McArthur, Waco, Tex., so that Methodist mothers throughout the South may know how to communicate with friends at these camps, should there be sickness or distress among their boys.

We have federated with other Churches in this work, and our Methodist men know in the camps and at the front that the Church of their fathers stands back of them in love, prayer, and ministry.

At the call of the Red Cross two of our trained nurses have been sent to the front—Miss Lula Marsh, from our Tampa work, and Miss Lula Cason, from the work at Dallas, Tex. Arrangements are pending for the calling of others out to the large service of protecting our American girls in the vicinity of the encampments. There have been 2,463 names of soldiers listed in our office by 223 Churches and auxiliaries.

COUNCIL OF WOMEN FOR HOME MISSIONS.

The Council of Women for Home Missions, the Interdenominational Board, set to unify the efforts of all National Women's Home Mission Boards, has had a year in which to demonstrate its power of unification. When we, as a nation, entered into this great world war, opportunity was given for this organization to correlate the work of the women of the Churches at the cantonments and to extend its service to the trenches across the water.

At its last annual session, in New York, January 16, 1917, it was determined to coöperate with the Federation of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions in the employment of Mrs. Paul Raymond, of California, for the period of a year, for the purpose of conducting interdenominational conferences in various cities and forming local interdenominational missionary federations to conserve the results of these conferences. This action resulted from the fact that in 1916 the Laymen's Missionary Movement carried on a series of missionary conferences for men. In the towns and cities where they went many women desired admission and attended all of the sessions, though the Laymen's Missionary Movement planned only for men. To obviate the embarrassment thus occasioned, in October and November, 1917, the Laymen's Missionary Movement invited Mrs. Raymond to conduct parallel conferences for women. These conferences had an attendance in ten days of between nine and ten thousand people, and over five thousand of these were women. The great success attending these meetings led the Laymen's Missionary Movement to ask Mrs. Raymond to accompany them on a series of conferences to be held in March and February. At the suggestion of the Laymen's Missionary

Movement these two Boards have been led to secure Mrs. Raymond as their representative. She is to carry a balanced program of home and foreign work. When not occupied with conferences, Mrs. Raymond is to devote herself to the organization of local federations. It is felt that this action has been a long step forward, and hearty co-operation of the constituent Boards is earnestly urged.

The Woman's Council of Home Missions supervises the selection and issuance of the Home Mission Study Course book and through standing committees has stimulated children and young people's departments of the various missionary societies. Our own Mrs. Luke G. Johnson is Chairman of the Committee on Day of Prayer, and your Home Secretary is one of the Vice Presidents of the organization.

CO-OPERATIVE HOMES.

LOCATION.	RESIDENT WORKERS	Number of Trained Workers.	Total Number of Girls in Home in 1917	Number of Girls Admitted in 1917.
Corinth, Miss.....	Miss Adeline Peeples.....	1	50	28
Houston, Tex.....	Miss Ellen D. Gaine.....	3	200	59
Lexington, Ky.....	Miss Maria Elliott.....	1	213	95
Richmond, Va.....	Miss Ida M. Stevens.....	1	47	16
San Francisco, Cal.....	Miss Ethel Jackson.....	2	172	107
Waco, Tex.....	Miss Mary E. Daniel.....	1	28	25
Waco, Tex.....	Miss Lillie Black.....	1		
Total.....		9	710	330

GIFTS, ENDOWMENTS, AND ANNUITIES.

Our good friend in North Carolina, who persistently withholds her name from the public, has made a gift of \$1,000 to Brevard Institute, to be used in the erection of a small building to house the carpentering and blacksmith work of the school. Through Mrs. W. H. Johnson, the founder and closest friend of our Virginia Johnson Home and School, \$3,796.55 has been given to liquidate all outstanding debts on this institution. A bequest of \$250 is registered as representing the devotion of a sainted member of the Woman's Missionary Society. An annuity gift of \$135 from two elderly English friends has been listed among the specials this year.

During the year investments of all endowment funds, in first-class mortgages on real estate and bonds, have been made. These funds represent the Homer Toberman bequest and the deaconess relief fund.

We are grateful to report that the collections of 1917 covered all current expenses and has enabled us to liquidate obligations to the building funds of the Sue Bennett School and the Vashti Industrial School. During the quadrennium we have been enabled to cancel every obliga-

tion, and at the beginning of this new quadrennium we are ready to go out with hands untied into the larger things to which our Master is calling us and from which we have been detained because of the embarrassment of debt.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

As Trustee for the Woman's Missionary Council, for the Year Ending December 31, 1917.

I. PARSONAGE CONFERENCE BOARD FUNDS.

Balance on hand December 31, 1916.....\$ 200 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

January 4, 1917. Donation to Buena Vista parsonage,
New Mexico\$100 00
April 19, 1917. Donation to San Jon parsonage,
New Mexico 100 00— 200 00

II. EDUCATIONAL AND CITY MISSION ENDOWMENT FUNDS.

RECEIPTS.

Collections on Loans.

February 23, 1917. Woman's Missionary Council.....\$ 45 54
March 8, 1917. Japanese School, Alameda, Cal..... 199 41
June 26, 1917. Japanese School, Alameda, Cal..... 199 41
August 10, 1917. Woman's Missionary Council..... 45 54
December 27, 1917. Japanese School, Alameda, Cal.... 199 41— 689 31

DISBURSEMENTS.

March 24, 1917. Annuity\$ 15 00
June 24, 1917. Annuity 12 50
September 24, 1917. Annuity 15 00
December 26, 1917. Annuity 12 50— 55 00

SUMMARY.

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Balance on hand December 31, 1916.....\$ 18 04
Total receipts 689 31— 707 35

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Total disbursements\$ 55 00
Balance on hand December 31, 1917..... 652 35— 707 35

N. B.—The Educational and City Mission Endowment Funds are:

Educational Endowment and City Mission Fund.....	\$8,398 58
Ethel Smith Educational Endowment Fund.....	400 00
Warren Rogers Endowment Fund.....	1,000 00

Total capital\$9,798 58

TREASURER.

RECEIPTS FOR 1917.

CONFERENCE.	Foreign.	Home.	Searritt.	Special.	Total.	City Mission Vouchers.
Alabama.....	\$ 8,819 56	\$ 5,601 15	\$ 203 05		\$ 14,623 76	\$ 3,765 18
Baltimore.....	10,499 02	6,470 01	267 86		17,236 89	725 77
Central Texas.....	11,204 75	6,686 76	357 05		18,248 56	1,355 21
Columbia.....	271 82	170 13	109 90		551 85	
Denver.....	270 26	154 51			424 77	
East Columbia.....	154 89	89 94			244 83	
East Oklahoma.....	4,757 57	2,825 56	62 50		7,645 63	
Florida.....	8,206 07	4,957 59	116 68		13,280 34	810 23
German Mission.....	124 22	82 91			207 13	
Holston.....	10,460 68	6,687 13	39 67		17,187 48	2,552 91
Illinois.....	222 95	147 75			370 70	
Kentucky.....	9,114 93	5,653 66	112 80		14,881 39	1,182 88
Little Rock.....	8,942 77	5,533 69	183 85		14,660 31	
Los Angeles.....	1,618 11	773 75	20 45		2,412 31	
Louisiana.....	7,507 41	4,770 68	312 67		12,590 76	1,090 36
Louisville.....	9,276 61	5,225 60	171 96		14,675 17	2,417 19
Memphis.....	9,858 21	5,474 99	60 55		15,393 75	1,941 63
Mississippi.....	6,684 32	4,296 30	10 94		10,991 56	1,449 99
Missouri.....	5,202 56	3,294 81	45 85		8,543 22	3,466 59
Montana.....	130 20	86 80			217 00	
New Mexico.....	1,753 73	1,151 13	42 75		2,947 61	
North Alabama.....	9,761 78	5,710 47	291 35		15,763 60	3,773 41
North Arkansas.....	8,042 92	4,935 59	177 80		13,156 31	
North Carolina.....	16,398 29	10,223 40	433 53		27,055 22	
North Georgia.....	20,196 76	12,522 05	93 14		32,811 95	8,773 33
North Mississippi.....	9,101 90	5,607 74	111 11		14,820 75	
North Texas.....	10,858 82	7,177 76	249 80		18,286 38	3,239 81
Northwest Texas.....	6,182 71	3,715 80	29 35		9,927 86	
Pacific.....	1,948 85	898 63	54 25		2,901 73	1,380 90
South Carolina.....	10,664 52	6,235 97	1,000 00	\$25 00	17,925 49	1,007 85
South Georgia.....	23,293 01	15,347 11	764 46		39,404 58	5,329 57
Southwest Missouri.....	8,400 61	4,291 44	62 70		12,754 75	14,678 07
St. Louis.....	5,134 90	3,223 69	58 50		8,417 09	7,519 78
Tennessee.....	11,450 20	7,334 51	9 35		18,794 06	3,429 52
Texas.....	11,845 46	7,853 42			19,698 88	854 28
Upper South Carolina.....	9,181 40	5,829 73	209 81		15,220 94	1,534 01
Virginia.....	17,831 86	8,942 52	620 29		27,394 67	3,211 91
West Oklahoma.....	3,733 41	2,402 03	91 00		6,226 44	
West Texas.....	8,598 17	5,479 96	65 25		14,143 38	597 34
Western N. Carolina.....	14,241 90	9,174 07	172 94		23,588 91	
Western Virginia.....	3,496 44	2,226 18	77 60		5,800 22	
China Mission.....	19 35				19 35	
Total from Conferences.....	\$325,463 90	\$199,267 92	\$6,690 76	\$25 00	\$531,447 58	\$76,687 12
Other sources.....	24,332 05	25,563 70	565 77	1 00	50,462 52	
Grand total.....	\$349,795 95	\$224,831 62	\$7,256 53	\$26 00	\$581,910 10	\$76,687 12

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

From Conferences	\$325,463 90	
Other sources: Africa Special, Mrs. Glide, of Pacific Conference	\$ 2,500 00	
Annuities	2,000 00	
Bequest, Mary Cloud, Baltimore Conference	3,459 30	
Bequest, Mrs. Quinton, St. Louis Conference	250 00	
Bible women	255 00	
Interest	11,372 65	
Literature, record books, etc.	1,188 90	
Refunds	1,036 28	
Scholarships	128 00	
Special for China, Gen. J. S. Carr, North Carolina Conference	100 00	
Specials	502 36	
Sundries	892 96	
Week of Prayer	21 60	24,332 05 \$349,795 95

HOME DEPARTMENT.

From Conferences	\$199,267 92	
Other sources: Annuity	\$ 125 00	
Bequest, Mrs. Quinton, St. Louis Conference	250 00	
Interest	2,275 10	
Literature, record books, etc.	1,183 12	
Refunds	319 98	
Rents	1,140 44	
Specials	354 46	
Special, Western North Carolina Conference, for Brevard Institute.	1,000 00	
Special, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, for Virginia Johnson Home: On debt.	3,796 56	
On endowment	1,302 54	
Sundries	983 70	
Week of Prayer	14 40	12,745 30 212,013 22

Tuition, Home Work:		
Brevard Institute	\$ 3,591 09	
Holding Institute	1,200 00	
Key West Cuban School	117 75	
Ruth Hargrove Institute	2,314 29	
Sue Bennett Memorial	5,445 32	
Wolff Mission	149 95	12,818 40

Scarritt Students' Scholarship Loan Fund and Specials:		
From Conferences	\$ 6,690 76	
Other sources	565 77	7,256 53

Junaluska Home: From South Carolina Conference. .	\$ 25 00	
Other sources	1 00	26 00

Total receipts	\$581,910 10
Trust funds, to be reloaned	42,600 00

Total deposits for 1917	\$624,510 10
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Receipts divided as follows:

Africa Special	\$ 2,500 00
Annuities	2,125 00
Bequests	3,959 30
Bible women	17,264 19
Dues	217,196 90
Life members	892 90
Pledge	239,212 23
Retirement and relief (including interest)	9,158 79
Rio (including interest)	8,003 45
Scarritt funds	7,256 53
Scholarships	11,449 80
Tuition	12,813 40
Week of Prayer (balance 1916)	1,263 61
Week of Prayer, 1917	24,741 70
Miscellaneous	24,067 30

Trust funds	\$581,910 10	
	42,600 00	\$624,510 10

SUMMARY.

Balance from 1916, Foreign Department	\$125,342 18	
Amount deposited for 1917	349,795 95	
Trust funds, to be reloaned	42,600 00	\$517,738 13
Balance from 1916, Home Department.....	\$ 37,691 07	
Amount deposited for 1917	224,831 62	262,522 69
Balance from 1916, Scarritt funds	\$ 7,788 52	
Amount deposited, 1917	7,256 53	15,045 05
Balance special, 1916	\$ 2,015 00	
Amount deposited for 1917	26 00	2,041 00
Less disbursements for 1917		\$797,346 87
		592,826 83
Balance		\$204,520 04
Divided as follows:		
Foreign work	\$152,574 05	
Home work	48,622 14	
Scarritt funds	2,565 99	
Special	757 86	\$204,520 04

DISBURSEMENTS FOR 1917.

Foreign Work.

Annuities (interest)	\$ 693 33	
Annuities (retired missionaries)	1,935 00	\$ 2,628 33
Expenses of candidates	2,098 88	
Insurance	634 13	
Interest	85 25	
Missionaries at home	10,815 54	
Refund	81 26	
Scarritt Bible and Training School: Appropriation...	6,500 00	
Specials	1,394 95	
Tax on Anadarko property	240 69	
Travel of missionaries	8,193 08	
Trust funds invested	121,307 05	\$153,979 16

Foreign Fields:

Africa: Salaries	\$ 800 00	
Baggage, express, incidentals, etc.....	851 87	
Multigraph	350 00	
Supplies	1,313 58	
Travel	2,218 53	
Typewriters	81 50	5,615 48

Bible women: Brazil	\$ 492 75	
China	9,602 62	
Japan	2,525 70	
Korea	3,602 10	16,223 17

Buildings, Furniture, and Land:

Brazil: Domestic science equipment	\$ 200 00	
China: Land and home	10,750 00	
Domestic science equipment	125 00	
Japan: Building and land	13,565 00	
Korea	2,000 00	26,640 00

Day schools: China	\$ 6,028 53	
Korea	4,732 50	10,761 03

Evangelistic: Brazil	\$ 640 00	
China	1,900 00	2,540 00

Incidentals: Brazil	\$ 1,630 00	
China	460 00	
Cuba	350 00	
Japan	82 50	
Korea	436 84	
Mexico	405 00	3,364 34

Insurance: Brazil	\$ 25 00	
Japan	50 00	\$ 75 00
Kindergarten: China	\$ 1,745 72	
Cuba	56 25	
Japan	816 00	2,617 97
Rents: Brazil	\$ 2,122 50	
China	1,200 00	
Japan	480 00	
Korea	150 00	3,952 50
Repairs: China	\$ 1,400 00	
China Kindergarten	200 00	
China Hospital	300 00	
Japan	166 16	
Korea	387 50	
Mexico	549 89	3,003 55
Salaries (missionaries): Brazil	\$ 16,888 70	
China	32,729 14	
Cuba	6,434 62	
Japan	3,745 00	
Korea	11,574 78	
Mexico	2,036 25	73,408 49
Salaries (natives): Brazil	\$ 4,465 00	
Cuba	2,425 00	
Mexico	1,384 90	8,274 90
Scholarships: Brazil	\$ 789 63	
China	4,991 00	
Cuba	590 00	
Japan	695 00	
Korea	2,170 95	
Holding Institute for Mexican girls	120 00	9,356 58
Specials: China	\$ 402 90	
China Hospital	264 00	
Cuba	150 00	
Japan	117 24	
Korea	257 00	
Mexico	1,606 88	2,798 02
Special for Exchange: China	\$ 1,326 85	
Japan	100 00	1,426 85
Sundries: Brazil	\$ 460 70	
China	3,517 16	
China Hospital	912 22	
Cuba	218 54	
Japan	2,085 00	
Korea	5,855 41	
Mexico	3,587 64	16,636 67
Taxes: Brazil	\$ 220 00	
China	65 00	
Cuba	168 75	
Japan	50 00	
Korea	212 50	
Mexico	477 65	1,193 90
Union work: China	\$ 3,462 88	
Korea	1,112 50	4,575 38
Total foreign work		\$346,442 99

Home Work.

Annuities (interest)	\$545 92		
Annuities (relief)	815 00	\$	1,360 92
City Missions			6,682 74
Conference half dues (see list elsewhere)			4,085 57
Deaconess travel and expense			3,295 60
Interest			699 31
Insurance			773 53
Scarritt Bible and Training School: Appropriation...	5,500 00		
Sociology in Scarritt	1,000 00		
Scholarships	354 00		
Specials	502 55		
Trust funds invested	44,806 34	\$	69,060 56

Buildings and Equipment:

New Orleans: St. Mark's Hall (on building)	\$	2,000 00	
Deering Kindergarten		765 00	
Brevard Institute (equipment)		385 12	
San Francisco (equipment)		250 00	
Wolff Mission (equipment)		400 00	3,800 12

Conference Enterprises:

Central Texas: Fort Worth	\$	900 00	
Thurber	1,250 00	\$	2,150 00
East Oklahoma: Hartshorne		1,388 45	
Holston: Coal Fields: West Virginia		1,250 00	
North Alabama: Birmingham		600 00	
North Mississippi: Corinth		600 00	
Pacific: San Francisco		400 00	
South Georgia: Macon		1,700 00	
St. Louis: Lead Belt		600 00	
Virginia: Ferrum		500 00	
West Texas: San Antonio		900 00	10,088 45

Gulf Coast Work:

Biloxi and Gulfport, Miss.	\$	2,971 98	
French work, Louisiana		785 00	
Galveston, Tex.		1,935 00	
St. Mark's Hall, New Orleans		3,600 00	
Mary Werlein Mission, New Orleans		360 00	9,651 93

Homes and Schools:

Brevard Institute (salaries)		8,859 89	
Holding Institute		10,626 44	
Key West Settlement Work		300 00	
Pacific Coast: Los Angeles		3,249 96	
San Francisco		9,659 32	
Ruth Hargrove Institute (five months)		7,429 85	
Sue Bennett Memorial		9,882 56	
Vashti Industrial Home		9,450 00	
Virginia Johnson Home		8,739 96	
West Tampa		2,359 94	
Wolff Mission		2,475 00	73,032 92

Incidentals: Brevard Institute	\$	4,606 55	
Sue Bennett Memorial		4,250 00	
West Tampa		50 00	
Wolff Mission		125 00	9,031 55

Painting, Repairing, Etc.:

Brevard Institute	\$	449 15	
San Francisco		500 00	
Sue Bennett Memorial		1,000 00	
Vashti		826 21	
Wolff Mission		45 00	2,820 36

Scholarships: Brevard Institute	\$	250 00	
Vashti		1,499 83	1,749 83

Specials: Biloxi	\$	52	00	
Brevard Institute		369	46	
Denton Dormitory		671	64	
Holding Institute		350	00	
Houma		559	54	
Sue Bennett Memorial		900	00	
Vashti		904	20	
Virginia Johnson Home		300	00	
Tampa		200	00	\$ 4,306 84
Sundries: Brevard Institute	\$	2,150	00	
Key West School		95	45	
Sue Bennett Memorial		1,945	86	4,191 31
Taxes: Los Angeles				100 64
Work for Negroes:				
Bethlehem House, Augusta	\$	1,717	18	
Bethlehem House, Nashville		2,920	00	
Nashville Special		14	50	
Repairs		27	25	4,678 93
Paine Annex: Books	\$	115	02	
Incidentals, etc.		2,560	89	
Salaries		1,364	55	4,040 46
Total for home work				\$196,553 95
Scarritt Bible and Training School:				
Loans	\$	444	00	
Scholarships		1,467	00	
Specials		568	06	
Invested (on demand)		10,000	00	12,479 06
Home Administration:				
Auditing Treasurer's books	\$	50	00	
Bond for Treasurer		50	00	
Contingent		1,164	51	
Expense of Blanks Committee		17	70	
Expense of Board meeting		230	40	
Expense of Council meeting		3,361	66	
Expense of Deaconess Committee meeting		157	42	
Expense of Estimates Committee		3	91	
Expense of Literature Committee		73	04	
Expense of mid-year meetings		759	21	
Expense of special called meeting		406	84	
Expense of field workers		2,318	75	
Literature (Annual Report, leaflets, etc.)		7,730	57	
Mite boxes		188	85	
Office expenses and travel		6,037	94	
Salaries: Officers		8,799	92	
Clerical help		4,232	38	
Voice (deficit, 1917)		1,624	26	37,207 36
Office furniture and fixtures				143 47
Total disbursements				\$592,826 83
Total disbursements: Foreign work	\$	346,442	99	
Home work		196,553	95	
Scarritt		12,479	06	
Home administration		37,207	36	
Furniture and fixtures		143	47	\$592,826 83

CONFERENCE HALF DUES.

1917.	ALABAMA CONFERENCE.	
Oct. 31.	Mrs. E. N. Passmore, Treasurer	\$ 772 52
	BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.	
July 7.	Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, Treasurer, Brevard Institute. \$500 00	
	Mrs. Anna K. Johnston, Treasurer	338 76
	DENVER CONFERENCE.	
Jan. 19.	Mrs. S. F. Davis, Treasurer	162 39
	EAST COLUMBIA CONFERENCE.	
Mar. 18.	Mrs. E. R. Naylor, Treasurer	179 70
	EAST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.	
June 13.	Mrs. Ethel Eslick, Treasurer	\$200 00
	Mrs. Ethel Eslick, Treasurer	600 00
	LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE.	
Aug. 27.	Mrs. E. B. Dyer, Treasurer	200 04
	MISSOURI CONFERENCE.	
Nov. 12.	Mrs. Paul Floweree, Treasurer	1,010 52
	TEXAS CONFERENCE.	
May 17.	Miss E. L. Hill, Treasurer	17 13
	WEST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.	
Jan. 8.	Mrs. M. H. Dodson, Treasurer	104 51
	Total cash	\$4,085 57

CONFERENCE HALF DUES TRANSFERRED.

1917.	Holston Conference.	
Dec. —.	To Holston Conference Wesley House Building Fund.....	\$1,187 00
	Louisville Conference.	
May 21.	To Vash'ti Fund	44 00
	Total transferred	\$1,231 00

REPORT OF PROPERTY SOLD IN KOREA.

(September 28, 1917.)

Amount reported to General Office for Lucy Cuninggim (old property) sold	\$10,000 00
Interest to July 1, 1917	164 19
Interest to January 11, 1918	138 99
To incidentals, account of sale	\$ 209 69
To amount for equipment for the industrial work.....	1,000 00
To sundries, account of July quarter, for Wonsan.....	1,872 00
To sundries, account of October quarter	1,792 51
To sundries, account of January quarter	2,975 24
To amount paid on land	2,453 74
	<u>\$10,303 18</u>
	<u>\$10,303 18</u>

Sundries for Wonsan divided as follows:

Bible women	\$ 962 00
Special gift to Bible woman	50 00
Day schools	625 00
Salaries	2,430 40
Scholarships	240 00
Sundries	2,302 50
Travel (balance due Misses Tucker and McCubbins). ..	29 85
	\$ 6,639 75
July quarter	\$ 1,872 00
October quarter	1,792 51
January, 1918	2,975 24
	<u>6,639 75</u>

RECAPITULATION BY FIELDS.

Foreign Work.

Africa (opening)	\$ 5,615 48	
Brazil	27,934 28	
China	81,383 02	
Cuba	10,393 16	
Japan	24,477 60	
Korea	32,492 08	
Mexico	10,168 21	\$192,463 83
Missionaries at home	\$10,815 54	
Travel and expense	10,291 96	21,107 50
Scarritt	\$ 6,500 00	
Sundries	5,064 61	11,564 61
Funds invested		121,307 05
Total foreign work		\$346,442 99

Home Work.

Brevard Institute	\$17,070 17	
Cuban School (Key West, September 1, 1917, to January 1, 1918)	395 45	
Gulf Coast work	13,028 52	
Holding Institute	10,976 44	
Pacific Coast	13,759 92	
Ruth Hargrove (from January 1, 1917, to June 1, 1917)	7,429 85	
Sue Bennett Memorial	17,978 42	
Vashti Home	12,680 24	
Virginia Johnson Home	9,039 96	
West Tampa	2,609 94	
Wolff Mission	3,045 00	\$108,013 91
Work for colored people: Bethlehem Houses	\$ 4,678 93	
Paine Annex	4,040 46	8,719 39
City missions	\$ 6,682 74	
Conference enterprises	10,088 45	
Conference half dues	4,085 57	
Deaconess travel and expense	3,295 60	
Scarritt Bible and Training School	5,854 00	
Sociology	1,000 00	
Specials	1,174 19	
Sundries	2,833 76	35,014 31
Trust funds invested		44,806 34
Total home work		\$196,553 95
Home administration: Foreign	\$19,424 87	
Home	17,782 49	37,207 36
Furniture and fixtures		143 47
Scarritt funds		12,479 06
Grand total		\$592,826 83

RECEIPTS BY DEPARTMENTS.

CONFERENCE.	Adults.	Young People.	Junior Division.	Baby Division.	Total.
Alabama.....	\$ 12,515 45	\$ 1,148 00	\$ 888 35	\$ 71 96	\$ 14,623 76
Baltimore.....	14,344 10	1,768 94	993 06	130 79	17,236 89
Central Texas.....	17,431 77	501 38	295 41	20 00	18,248 56
Columbia.....	503 45	47 50	90	.....	551 85
Denver.....	398 67	17 50	6 85	1 75	424 77
East Columbia.....	244 83	.....	.....	.....	244 83
East Oklahoma.....	7,265 60	101 90	266 18	11 95	7,645 63
Florida.....	12,509 02	422 00	318 31	31 01	13,280 34
German Mission.....	187 38	.....	16 50	3 25	207 13
Holston.....	14,417 27	1,979 65	595 06	195 50	17,187 48
Illinois.....	328 71	26 74	10 15	5 10	370 70
Kentucky.....	12,616 57	1,279 88	821 95	162 99	14,881 39
Little Rock.....	13,169 74	913 16	521 57	55 84	14,660 31
Los Angeles.....	2,313 25	19 54	52 23	27 29	2,412 31
Louisiana.....	11,643 76	455 95	433 85	57 20	12,590 76
Louisville.....	13,372 64	623 41	572 79	106 33	14,675 17
Memphis.....	12,899 69	1,192 32	1,147 44	154 30	15,393 75
Mississippi.....	9,536 56	1,050 79	379 80	24 41	10,991 56
Missouri.....	7,869 12	506 11	119 87	48 12	8,543 22
Montana.....	217 00	.....	.....	.....	217 00
New Mexico.....	2,498 62	277 05	134 78	37 16	2,947 61
North Alabama.....	14,432 53	570 60	709 37	51 10	15,763 60
North Arkansas.....	11,873 53	588 90	631 34	62 54	13,156 31
North Carolina.....	22,684 15	1,300 55	2,815 73	254 79	27,055 22
North Georgia.....	28,180 49	2,285 65	2,194 72	151 09	32,811 95
North Mississippi.....	12,983 34	777 32	976 89	83 20	14,820 75
North Texas.....	17,351 61	644 38	284 54	5 85	18,286 38
Northwest Texas.....	9,312 98	333 49	247 63	33 76	9,927 86
Pacific.....	2,829 62	18 65	41 04	12 42	2,901 73
South Carolina.....	16,440 64	603 67	873 93	7 25	17,925 49
South Georgia.....	36,672 77	1,366 46	1,241 63	123 72	39,404 58
Southwest Missouri.....	11,369 64	858 94	485 43	40 74	12,754 75
St. Louis.....	7,696 94	569 48	125 27	25 40	8,417 09
Tennessee.....	16,036 61	1,770 23	851 46	135 76	18,794 06
Texas.....	18,072 24	817 47	672 49	136 68	19,698 88
Upper South Carolina.....	13,029 77	1,302 04	849 93	39 20	15,220 94
Virginia.....	22,615 83	4,106 94	548 35	123 55	27,394 67
West Oklahoma.....	5,504 73	402 55	246 82	72 34	6,226 44
West Texas.....	13,170 53	500 20	361 75	110 90	14,143 38
Western North Carolina.....	18,517 70	2,940 05	1,971 12	160 04	23,588 91
Western Virginia.....	4,481 38	852 83	429 46	36 55	5,800 22
China Mission.....	19 35	.....	.....	.....	19 35
Total.....	\$469,559 58	\$34,942 22	\$24,133 95	\$2,811 83	\$531,447 58
Total for 1916.....	437,676 49	30,696 15	23,682 64	2,475 79	494,531 07
Increase.....	\$31,883 09	\$4,246 07	\$451 31	\$336 04	\$36,916 51

PRESENT STATUS.

Balance cash, Foreign Department		\$152,574 05
Outstanding drafts	\$ 34,362 37	
Bible women	7,846 80	
Scholarships	5,681 67	
"Days of June"	19 79	
Mary Helm Bible School, Korea	650 00	
Miss Elerding's fund	63 19	
Specials	1,043 19	
Sundries	2,493 78	52,160 79

Balance for current work		<u>\$100,413 26</u>
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Trust funds invested at 6 per cent	\$134,550 00
Trust funds invested at 5 per cent	8,000 00
Trust funds invested at 3½ per cent	5,000 00
Trust funds on demand at 4 per cent	70,050 00
General fund on demand at 4 per cent	36,550 00
	<u>\$254,150 00</u>

Balance cash, Home Department	\$ 48,622 14
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Liabilities:

Amount due Holston Conference, account of Wesley House	\$ 1,187 00
Amount due Holding Institute Building Fund	18 00
Amount due Sue Bennett Memorial	19,435 14
Amount due Vashti	12,788 12
	<u>\$ 33,428 26</u>

Trust funds invested at 6 per cent	\$ 52,550 00
Trust funds invested at 4 per cent	6,656 34
	<u>\$ 59,206 34</u>

Scarritt fund on demand at 4 per cent	\$ 10,000 00
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COST OF ADMINISTRATION.

Cost of administration	\$ 37,207 36
Less amount received for record books, etc	\$2,246 33
Less refunds on sundry items	132 33
	<u>2,378 66</u>
Net cost	\$ 34,828 70

TOTALS.

Total cash collections	\$581,910 10
Reported by voucher	76,687 12
Value of supplies	42,513 72
	<u>\$701,110 94</u>
Total for 1917	

PROPERTY ACCOUNT.

Foreign.

Brazil	\$299,500 00	
China	539,480 00	
Cuba	63,300 00	
Japan	13,565 00	
Korea	90,660 00	
Mexico	303,000 00	\$1,309,505 00

Home.

Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C.	\$ 75,000 00	
Homer Toberman Deaconess Home, Los Angeles, Cal.	12,000 00	
Keener Cottage, Seashore Camp Ground, Miss.	2,000 00	
Mary Elizabeth Inn, San Francisco, Cal.	140,000 00	
Mary Helm Hall, Alameda, Cal.	11,900 00	
Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga.	33,317 00	
Ruth Hargrove Institute, Key West, Fla.	50,575 00	
Sue Bennett School, London, Ky.	75,000 00	
Tucker Cottage, Nashville, Tenn.	4,000 00	
Vashti Industrial School, Thomasville, Ga.	30,000 00	
Virginia K. Johnson Home, Dallas, Tex.	80,000 00	
Wesley House, Biloxi, Miss.	4,000 00	
West Tampa, Fla.	1,300 00	
Wolff Mission, Ybor City, Tampa, Fla.	6,700 00	
Total home		525,792 00
Scarritt Bible and Training School	\$100,000 00	
Holding Institute, Laredo, Tex.	100,000 00	200,000 00
Total		\$2,035,297 00

RECEIPTS SINCE ORGANIZATION.

	Foreign Work.	Home Work.	City Missions.
1878-79	\$ 4,014 27	.....	.....
1879-80	13,775 97	.....	.....
1880-81	19,362 10	.....	.....
1881-82	25,609 44	.....	.....
1882-83	29,647 31	.....	.....
1883-84	38,873 52	.....	.....
1884-85	52,652 12	.....	.....
1885-86	51,588 76	.....	.....
1886-87	50,092 63	\$ 261 55	.....
1887-88	69,729 65	3,337 51	.....
1888-89	68,165 34	4,258 40	.....
1889-90	75,476 54	2,954 88	.....
1890-91	85,969 44	3,046 83	.....
1891-92	66,448 59	3,727 51	.....
1892-93	71,199 12	4,628 20	.....
1893-94	66,377 90	4,995 37	.....
1894-95	63,951 98	8,457 87	.....
1895-96	74,403 16	17,533 79	.....
1896-97	82,880 47	15,346 11	.....
1897-98	86,418 76	18,896 43	.....
1898-99	83,587 07	31,566 82	.....
Cash.			
1899-1900	94,638 55	33,914 04	\$ 5,400 92
Twentieth-century offering...	2,426 39		
1900-01	82,674 22	48,249 17	6,237 76
Voucher.			
Twentieth-century offering...	36,135 45		
1901-02	104,017 97	46,197 27	4,186 12
1902-03	112,458 78	51,799 56	6,105 50
1903-04	132,143 37	59,414 98	11,110 23
1904-05	146,151 51	74,574 31	19,585 64
1905-06	155,951 10	79,975 74	21,537 57
1906-07	174,597 82	100,996 65	22,985 27
1907-08	226,192 88	118,044 64	29,864 98
1908-09	235,440 97	127,093 97	40,724 53
Sale of property	23,737 31		
1909-10	254,554 75	139,799 19	42,770 68
Sale of property	10,007 71		
1910-11	274,355 17	151,209 39	54,303 06
Sale of property	5,797 90		
1911	244,952 44	141,587 41	46,851 33
1912	292,206 14	181,461 42	59,677 45
Sale of property	1,617 81		
1913	282,684 75	198,277 11	69,596 19
1914	276,807 52	186,362 31	81,160 91
Balance, 1914	761 57	96 67	
1915	292,341 20	199,231 99	76,584 95
Balance, 1915	288 41	152 27	
1916	318,395 94	212,314 75	69,540 54
Balance, 1914, reported in 1917.		288 70	
1917	349,795 95	224,831 62	76,687 12
Transferred from united funds.	750 00	750 00	
	\$5,312,107 62	\$2,496,134 43	\$744,960 75
Scarritt Funds.			
Balance on hand from 1915	\$	2,025 40	
Amount received in 1916		7,028 12	
1917		7,256 53	
	\$	16,310 05	
United funds	\$	515 00	
1917		26 00	
	\$	541 00	
Great grand total		\$8,570,053 85	

QUADRENNIAL REPORT.

Total from Conferences: Foreign	\$1,174,024 65	
Other sources	64,365 94	
Amount received that had to be refunded.....	32 16	\$1,238,422 75
From Conferences: Home	\$ 712,783 01	
Other sources	56,114 47	
Amount received that had to be refunded.....	9 45	768,906 93
Tuition: Home work		54,380 83
Scarritt: From Conferences	16,623 42	
Other sources	1,319 44	17,942 86
United: From Conferences	540 00	
Other sources	1,501 00	2,041 00
Total for quadrennium		\$2,081,694 37

SUMMARY.

Balance from 1913	\$ 92,913 40	
Receipts from quadrennium	2,081,694 37	
Amount borrowed from bank (1914)	108,600 00	
Amount borrowed from bank (1915)	39,000 00	
Trust funds collected and reloaned	64,600 00	
Total		2,386,807 77
Less disbursements, 1914: Home	\$ 295,556 18	
Foreign	307,890 91	
1915	493,842 41	
1916	492,171 40	
1917	592,826 83	2,182,287 73
Balance		\$ 204,520 04
Divided as follows:		
Foreign work	\$ 152,574 05	
Home work	48,622 14	
Scarritt	2,565 99	
Junaluska	757 86	204,520 04
Total cash for quadrennium	\$2,081,694 37	
Amount reported by voucher	303,973 52	
Amount of supplies	138,924 47	
Grand total for quadrennium	\$2,524,592 36	
Increase over preceding quadrennium:		
From Conferences	\$ 308,745 30	
From tuition	18,481 36	
	\$ 327,226 66	
Less decrease in other sources	12,307 73	
Net increase, cash	\$ 314,918 93	
City missions	73,545 49	
Total increase for quadrennium.....		\$ 388,464 42
(Sale of property, \$7,415.71. Not included.)		
We have received the following for the quadrennium:		
Annuities: Home	\$ 1,225 00	
Foreign	3,600 00	\$ 4,825 00
Bequests	\$ 1,180 20	
Foreign	11,967 11	\$ 13,147 31

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. F. H. E. ROSS.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, Treasurer Woman's Department, Board of Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Madam: We have made a careful audit of the cash receipts and disbursements of the Woman's Department of the Board of Missions, as shown by your books, for the fiscal year of 1917, and find that all cash receipts shown have been deposited in bank and that all disbursements have been properly accounted for and are represented by receipted vouchers. We find that during the year there was collected from sundry sources a total of \$624,510.10 and that the balance on deposit at the close of the year amounted to \$204,520.04.

In addition to the foregoing, we took the opportunity of verifying all trust funds belonging to the Foreign and Home Departments at the close of the year. These we find amounted to a total of \$323,356.34. We also find that during the year the Foreign Department invested the sum of \$44,806.34 of the trust funds in their possession.

Respectfully submitted.

C. E. JOHNSTON & Co.,
Certified Public Accountants.

EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY, MRS. H. R. STEELE.

The educational office has had an active year. Even amid the sorrow and loss that have come with the war, our reports show a hopeful and progressive spirit. Indeed, it would seem that the war has caused a new sense of values and a new spirit of service, and the letters from Conference and auxiliary superintendents give many instances of unflinching loyalty to the work.

Much of the work of this department cannot be classified nor measured nor even reported, but we have reason to believe that the Yearbooks and leaflets have come into more general use, and there can be no doubt but that the increase in membership and offerings reported for the year is in part due to the distribution and proper use of our programs and leaflet literature.

We cannot organize the uninspired, and the Educational Department furnishes the inspiration which is the backbone of the organization. Many words of appreciation have come from Conference and auxiliary officers for the new Yearbooks. The Adult Yearbook, "The Story of the Years," will afford the members of the auxiliaries an opportunity to study the history of our work. It is our purpose to publish in book form the chapters on the different lines of work and thus preserve in permanent form the history of our work at home and abroad. The high cost of printing will probably delay publishing the book, but the material will be gotten together, and when it is practicable the book will be brought out. We were indeed fortunate to secure the services of Mrs. J. B. Cobb for the history of our work in China and Korea and to have the history of the work in Japan from the pen of Miss Maud Bonnell, for nearly twenty years a missionary in that field. This labor of love was perhaps the last service rendered by these two able and devoted women, each having laid life's labors down in a very few days after the material was received in the office. A card from Miss Bonnell on which was written, "I have sent my manuscript; I have finished my work; I am now ready to return to Japan," was received in the office the morning of the day the message came saying she had finished her work on earth and had entered into eternal life.

Mrs. Cobb read the proof of her history of the work in Korea a few days before she was stricken with the illness which in a short time released her spirit and reunited her with those whom she had "loved long since and lost awhile." She had been eager to mention the name of each missionary who had served in China and in Korea, that she might in that way express appreciation of the devotion of each and give credit to the service which had made possible the work in each field. She made special request that a copy of each pamphlet should be sent to each missionary.

LITERATURE.

One million one hundred and sixty-five thousand leaflets and booklets have been printed and distributed during the year at a total cost of \$3,314.08. This amount may be listed as follows:

Adult Yearbook	\$ 300 00
Young People's Yearbook	150 00
Pledge Cards	26 50
Missionary Catechism	70 00
Mission Study	241 67
Social Service	424 65
Week of Prayer	410 46
Young People	309 15
Children	446 25
Adult and General	935 40
Total	<hr/> \$3,314 08

This does not include the amount for printing the Children's Yearbook (\$137.13). The head of the printing department failed to charge this in the bills for 1917, and it will be accounted for in the 1918 report. The sales from the Yearbooks during 1917 amounted to \$454.84, and the sales from the Missionary Catechism amounted to \$175.88, thus reducing the literature bill to \$2,683.36.

Since the success of any enterprise largely depends on the publication and distribution of timely literature, your Secretary feels that the best interests of the various lines of work call for an authorization for issuing from time to time special leaflets, not provided for in the Yearbook outlines, but which may become necessary for the highest and best promotion of the work.

In a commercial organization every established department is supposed to contribute to the general progress and benefit of the whole concern. Besides becoming a contributing factor, either direct or indirect, in the assets of the business, it is always desirable that the department be made to cover the expenses of its own maintenance. Now, while the educational department of a missionary organization may not let business interests weigh in the balance against the incalculable results in enlivened minds and awakened interest, it may

be well to consider how this particular enterprise, or department, shall be sustained.

All literature issued by the Council is supposed to fill some definite need in giving missionary information and inspiration, in broadening vision and deepening spiritual powers and purposes. We believe that we have created a desire for the literature and that our women will feel, with us, that this department should be self-sustaining.

We stand ready to supply all needed leaflets to auxiliaries not yet enlisted in the cause of missions, to newly organized auxiliaries not yet aroused to the value of literature, but we believe that all well-organized auxiliaries should help us meet the expense of publication and of mailing materials.

The Secretary of the Publication Department of one of the large Northern Boards reports that the little business of postage stamps and two-cent leaflets and a fifty-cent magazine paid its bills and earned \$6,020.07.

The new Adult Yearbook paid for itself in the sales of two months, and a profit of \$105.88 has been realized from the sale of the catechism after paying the original cost of \$70.

We believe that with the proper promotion the literature department of our Board may not only become self-supporting, but may be a source of income. We also believe that when the women pay even a small price for the leaflets there will be a more careful distribution and a more earnest use of them. We therefore recommend that the Educational Secretary shall be authorized to put a small price upon all leaflets issued by the Council and that the Home Base Secretary take up the matter with Conference officers and arrange for quarterly and annual payments of the same and for free distribution among new auxiliaries.

MISSION STUDY.

In the Department of Mission Study there has been a satisfactory increase in Adult and Young People's classes, but a falling off in Junior classes brings the grand total (reported through superintendents) to 2,354, as against 2,403 for last year—a decrease of 49. We have been gratified at the way our auxiliary superintendents have fallen in line with the spirit of the times and by their ingenious and practical methods of work have successfully met the interruptions caused by the call upon American women for patriotic service. The combination of Red Cross work and mission study has proved most successful. Relay classes and reading circles have been conducted with good results. As heretofore, the prospectus, giving names and prices of the mission study books, was widely distributed, and book reviews were printed in the *Voice*. Personal letters have been written giving plans and sugges-

tions for the study of the new books, and an earnest effort has been made to call attention to the books. Classes have been urged to undertake the study of the books in the current course. The leading books for the year were:

Adult: "The South To-Day" and "An African Trail."

Young People: "The Lure of Africa" and "Comrades in Service."

Junior: "Children of the Lighthouse" and "Soldiers of the Prince."

Mission Study Classes Reported by Superintendents.

	Classes.	Members.
Adult	1,466	31,958
Young People	362	5,786
Junior	526	11,956
Total	2,354	49,700

Conferences leading in mission study as reported by superintendent:
North Georgia, Texas, and North Alabama.

Mission Study Classes Reported by Enrollment Card.

	Classes.	Members.
Adult	1,199	18,223
Young People	172	2,737
Junior	78	1,298
College students	67	670
Total	1,516	22,928

Conferences leading in mission study as reported by enrollment card:
Baltimore, Texas, and Little Rock.

We are especially glad to note an increase in the report of Young People's classes through superintendents, although there is still a discrepancy between the number of classes reported to Council First Vice President and to the Conference Superintendents. The same is true in regard to Junior classes.

Young People's classes reported to Council First Vice President... 956

Young People's classes reported to Conference Superintendents.... 362

Discrepancy 594

Junior classes reported to Council Second Vice President..... 593

Junior classes reported to Conference Superintendents..... 526

Discrepancy 67

Conference officers are urged to compare reports quarterly and, if possible, to see that each mission study class reported to the Vice Presidents is reported to the Superintendent of Study and Publicity.

Courses Recommended for 1918-19.

The general theme for the year 1918-19 is, "Christianity and the World Workers"; and the course will show the conditions under which the work of the world is being done and what Christianity is doing to relieve those conditions.

The following books are recommended for study:

Adult: "Women Workers of the Orient," by Margaret E. Burton; "The Path of Labor" (a compilation).

Senior Young People: "Ancient Peoples at New Tasks," by Willard Price; "The Gospel for a Working World," by Harry F. Ward.

Intermediate: "Making Life Count," by Eugene C. Foster.

Juniors: "Jack and Janet in the Philippines," by Norma Waterbury Thomas; "Jack-of-All-Trades," by Margaret Applegarth.

BIBLE STUDY.

There has been a most gratifying increase in Bible study. The superintendents report 1,529 classes (an increase of 239 over last year), with a membership of 24,208. Eighty-three classes, with 887 members, were reported by enrollment card.

The Conferences leading in Bible study are: Texas, North Georgia, and North Alabama.

Bible Study Course for 1918-22.

Adult: "The Mind of the Messiah," by Charlotte Adams; "The Meaning of Faith," by Fosdick; "The Meaning of Prayer," by Fosdick; "John, the Greatest Book in the World," by Speer.

Young People: "Life at Its Best," by Edwards-Cutler; "The Parables of Jesus," by Elbert Russell.

Intermediates: "Thirty Days with Jesus," by Bosworth.

Reading Circles and Libraries.

Three hundred and sixteen reading circles and one hundred and forty-one libraries have been reported.

PUBLICITY.

We believe that the intelligent use of this important branch of our department is becoming more general and that our women are more and more realizing the necessity for using the printed page as a means of missionary propaganda. In several Conferences, through the courtesy and coöperation of the editor, a woman's edition of the Conference journal has been issued, thus bringing the different departments of our woman's work before a large reading public. While the high cost of paper and printing and the vast amount of news of world issues make it necessary for secular papers to limit

their space for missionary news, they have been most generous in opening their columns to us and will send their own reporters to gather such news if it cannot be furnished them. The publicity department offers our women a broad field of service and one which is open to wider cultivation. Reports show 1,429 auxiliaries sending missionary news regularly to 577 daily and weekly papers.

The Bulletin.

There has been a decrease in the use of the *Bulletin*. One Conference has discontinued its use altogether. Our reports show 1,304 auxiliaries using the *Bulletin*, a decrease of 180 over last year. Conferences leading in use of the *Bulletin* are: North Georgia, Texas, and North Alabama.

Charts and Posters.

While we still have occasional calls for charts and posters, we believe that the policy of the Council to encourage the women in the auxiliaries to do this work for themselves is bearing fruit. Many of our women display an originality and a resourcefulness in this line that are most gratifying and by this means are able to make a real contribution to the work. Superintendents are urged to make an exhibit of charts and posters at annual and district meetings.

SUMMER CONFERENCES.

The Secretary attended the Student Conference at Blue Ridge, N. C., June 4-10, and the Home and Foreign Missions Conferences at Chautauqua, N. Y., in August.

An important meeting of the Executive Committee prevented attendance upon the Summer School of Missions at Chambersburg, Pa., and the Student Conference at Hollister, Mo. Mrs. T. J. Copeland, of the Baltimore Conference, represented the Council at Chambersburg and reported a most enthusiastic and profitable session.

The Secretary held a get-together meeting with the women of the Methodist Episcopal Church who were at Chautauqua during Home Mission Week, gave a summary of the work of our Board in the home field, and presented the autonomy and joint administration of our Board and Council.

The display of literature at Chautauqua and at the M. E. Movement Conference at Blue Ridge, N. C., attracted attention and led to quite a number of requests from other Boards for our Yearbooks and leaflets.

Summer conferences for young women were well attended and were characterized by a new earnestness and a seeking after the higher things of life.

The Epworth League Conferences in the Eastern Section were attended by Miss Bess Combs, while Miss Edith Fuess visited those in the Western.

STUDENT WORK.

As Chairman of the Student Committee of the Federation of Foreign Mission Boards of North America, your Secretary is led to believe that the student work of the Boards is an unused opportunity. Few of the Boards are systematically promoting this most important line of work; not one reports an adequate number of volunteers to supply **needed workers**. Very few have definite plans for presenting the work of the Boards to students. Only thirteen Boards have student secretaries. Three Boards have elected student secretaries this year. No part of the work for which we are responsible is more important, no responsibility greater than to touch the young people in our schools and colleges with a spirit of service and prepare them for the leadership they will soon be called upon to assume.

The literature of our Board is sent quarterly to the chairmen of the Missionary Committees of the Y. W. C. A. in the fifty schools and colleges of our Church, and the students of our denomination are urged by personal and circular letters to follow the programs in our Yearbooks and to make monthly offerings for our work.

The young women appointed for student work at the last meeting of the Council have visited the State universities and denominational schools in our territory. They have done good work and with earnestness and enthusiasm have presented the work of our Board, as well as opportunities for service, to the young women in these schools and colleges. One hundred volunteers have been reported during the year.

The Educational Secretary has kept in close touch with the student secretaries. Letters have been sent from the office to Conference presidents and to the presidents of schools and colleges, introducing the student secretaries, announcing their visits, and asking that the way shall be open for them. Every effort has been made to keep in communication with them and to advise with them about the work. The names of all volunteers reported by them and received from other sources have been given regularly to the administrative secretaries.

One of the most serious problems of all the great Mission Boards has been the conservation of the impulse for service in the hearts of young women who volunteer during school life. Less than one-fifth go to the field. While we realize that many reasons may be given for the changed plans of volunteers, we know that they need a more personal touch with the Boards and a more careful direction of their preparation during the years between the time they offer themselves and the time when they are ready to enter the training school.

After careful study of the student work of all the Boards and after consultation with the Secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement, we recommend the appointment of a candidate secretary, who shall keep in touch with student volunteers, counsel with them in their

problems, direct their preparation, and guide them in their choice of service.

The Secretary visited the Student Volunteer Conference held at Northfield, Mass., January 3-6. This was an epoch-making conference, by many said to have been the most significant gathering of students since the inauguration of the Student Volunteer Movement, thirty-two years ago. More than seven hundred students, faculty members, secretaries of the Mission Boards, and student Association secretaries were present.

Out of this conference grew a program which presents the greatest challenge ever offered students in any generation. The following resolutions were adopted with an earnestness which seemed to be a personal pledge on the part of every one present:

SLOGAN: "NORTH AMERICAN STUDENTS MOBILIZING FOR CHRISTIAN WORLD DEMOCRACY."

I. To enlist two hundred thousand students in study and discussion of Christian principles based on

1. Life and teachings of Jesus Christ.
2. Present world situation in relation to the kingdom of God.

3. Need for application of the principles to interracial and social life of North America.

II. To call students to live these principles, at whatever cost, on campus, in nation and world.

III. To enlist a sufficient number of qualified men and women for the foreign mission program of the Church

IV. To secure at least \$500,000 during the academic year of 1918-19 for the foreign mission program of the Church and secure such funds as may be necessary to meet the need arising from the war situation in 1918.

During the busy days of the conference the Educational Secretary held a denominational meeting, which was attended by twenty-two students from schools and colleges in Southern Methodist territory and by faculty members and Board secretaries. Among those present were: Dr. Ed F. Cook, Dr. W. D. Weatherford, Dr. James Cannon, Misses Virginia and Lura Cannon, and Miss Bess Combs. The students present came from Florida, Mississippi, Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina, and Georgia. At this meeting opportunities for service under the Church were presented.

An interesting feature of the Northfield Conference was the presence of Oriental students now attending American colleges. Among them were E. Ling Tong, a graduate of McTyeire School, in China, now finishing her fourth year in Wellesley College. She is an earnest

Chinese girl who has taken the best of American education to fit her for service among her own people when she has finished her college course.

We Tsung Zung is also a graduate of McTyeire. Soon after her arrival in America she attended the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council held in Fort Worth, Tex., and will be pleasantly remembered by many who were present during that meeting. Miss Zung is now a student at Smith College.

Grace Yong is a graduate of Laura Haygood School, Soochow, and is a most attractive young Chinese girl. She is completing her education in this country as a student at Mount Holyoke.

ITINERATION.

The Secretary visited the North Texas, Louisiana, and North Georgia Conferences. She is glad to report the attendance at each meeting of a large number of women who had never attended a Conference meeting before and a most gratifying increase in the pledge.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL WORK.

The Secretary attended the Foreign Missions Conference at Garden City, L. I., and the annual meeting of the Federation of Woman's Foreign Mission Boards of North America in New York in January, 1918. There is great advantage in having part in the great interdenominational movements of the present day. We are coming more and more into interdenominational relationships in the support of union institutions in foreign fields and in providing Christian literature for women and children in mission lands. It is necessary to keep in touch with this work in its varied forms by being represented on the interdenominational committees, by attending conferences and summer schools, by learning in advance of the textbooks to be issued, and by receiving and circulating literature of a general character. The benefit of all of this has been invaluable, and we have tried to pass it on to the auxiliaries in the literature work of each year, as well as to the Conference Superintendents of Study and Publicity and the editors of the woman's pages in the Conference journals. At its recent annual meeting your Secretary was elected President of the Federation of Woman's Foreign Mission Boards of North America.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The correspondence during the past year has been heavy. We have in this way tried to promote the various lines of work for which we are responsible and to stimulate an interest in the great cause of missions. In addition to the personal correspondence, we have sent out into the Conferences seventeen circular and news letters.

THE OUTLOOK.

For the coming year it is earnestly hoped that the Educational Department shall make itself felt as never before. It furnishes tools

with which to work; it sows the Conferences and auxiliaries with the seeds of missionary enthusiasm. The quadrennium has marked an advance on all lines, which means that there is a greater desire to know the world's need and a broader view of the world's missionary outlook. The watchword of the years has been, "Promote, Promote, Promote." The routine of daily office work and the mechanical details that fill many of its hours are thus transformed and lifted to that high place which finds its expression in, "That they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent."

HOME BASE SECRETARY, MRS. B. W. LIPSCOMB.

With a grateful heart the Secretary brings the report of the year 1917 from the Home Base. When the goals were set for the year's work, war had just been declared; but we had scarcely the faintest idea of the conditions confronting us, and that these goals have been so nearly reached in spite of the tremendous shock of this realization is truly a cause for gratitude. Mothers, wives, sisters, and sweethearts, who constitute the membership of auxiliaries, have had the all-absorbing and well-nigh heartbreaking experience of giving their loved ones for their country's service, and it would have been by no means a thing to be wondered at had the anxiety incident to the home-leaving, the camp life, and the exigencies of the future, together with the activities to which the country has called the women, paralyzed their efforts in other directions. The Secretary must confess that sometimes she felt the chill of doubt creep into her heart and oftentimes has had to reassure herself mightily not to really expect a decline in missionary activities and a falling off in collections. When each quarter's report has come indicating growth in every line, there has been a time of rejoicing in our offices at the Publishing House. At the end of the first six months the gain in finances over the same period of 1916 was eleven per cent. The third quarter found us nine per cent ahead, and we wind up the year with a seven-per-cent increase over last year. These figures give evidence of the loyalty of our constituency and also of the strength of the movement in the Conferences for quarterly payments of funds. I cannot but think that many rural societies were prevented from meeting on account of the severe weather in December and that this fact made the increase in collections smaller than it would have been.

The Treasurer's report has revealed many gratifying items, especially that the pledge made at the last Council meeting was overpaid. I suspect that this is the first time in our history that such has been the case, hence we have passed the goal of ten-per-cent increase as far as the pledge was concerned. An unusually large number of Conferences have paid the pledge in full.

ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP.

These goals were given the Conference and auxiliary workers through two special leaflets immediately after the Council meeting and have been kept constantly before them through every available channel throughout the year. The result of the effort, as shown through the Secretaries' reports, are 368 adult, 305 young people's, and 426 children's societies organized, making a total of 1,099 organizations; and 13,912 adult, 6,129 young people's, and 12,452 new members of children's societies have been reported, making a total of 32,493. There were needed 817 auxiliaries and 18,769 members on the basis of last year's figures that we might reach our goal. From these figures we learn the story of the active work done by our leaders.

WEEK OF PRAYER.

The Week of Prayer observance came up to the standard of past years, with some increase in collections. I was particularly solicitous about this feature of our work, since it fell in that period when the campaigns and drives for money were legion; but in this, as in all other lines of work, the women have abundantly proved their loyalty.

FIELD WORK.

Prevailing cold and the fuel situation have caused the postponement of most of the annual meetings. I have visited five of these meetings since the last session of the Council and have taught mission study in four summer conference gatherings. During September, October, November, and December Mrs. S. S. Harris did efficient field work in the Southwest Missouri, Memphis, and Florida Conferences.

OFFICE WORK.

The demands upon the office have in no wise decreased during the year. More and more auxiliary as well as Conference leaders turn to the Home Base for suggestions as to methods of work and for supplies of literature. Every kind of question that can possibly be imagined is asked, including one in regard to the appropriate clothes for attendance upon the funeral of an auxiliary member. These questions are often the despair of the office helpers, but are always an encouragement to the heart of the Secretary, since they indicate interest and afford an opportunity to help the workers to a greater degree of efficiency.

I have remitted to Mrs. Ross, as the proceeds of literature sales, as follows:

"Days of June".....	\$ 13 20
Other books	32 65
Leaflets, entertainments, and charts.....	144 09

Catechisms.	\$ 175 88
Council Minutes.	73 84
"Helps for Missionary Societies".	108 96
Record books	979 43
Yearbooks.	454 84

Total. \$2,550 19

Other sales:

Young People's Pennants	\$ 23 50
Young People's Pins.	158 75
Junior Pennants	49 50
Junior Pins	164 00
Literature from other Boards.	171 55

Total. \$ 567 30

Total sales for 1917. \$2,550 19

RESULT OF UNION.

It is fitting that we should at the close of the quadrennium take a backward glance that we may have a more vivid realization of the distance we have come. As we do so our hearts are filled with gratitude. It hardly seems possible to us from our present vantage ground that there was ever a time when our missionary forces were organized into two camps under two different sets of leaders. How foolish are the fears and misgivings of other days to us now as we see the results of the union! And how we do rejoice that by faith we set forth toward the "promised land"! We have indeed found that it flowed with milk and honey, and the promise given so long ago to Joshua has been fulfilled once more in the history of the kingdom. "Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon shall be yours." We do not yet possess all the land, but the conquest is sure of completion. It is no small service that our organization has performed in giving the women of the Church the vision afforded by our plan of work, in a measure eliminating prejudice and rivalry. Now and then there comes from "somewhere in Southern Methodism" a faint rumor of an unenlightened band of women who are still prating of "home or foreign," but this is the rare exception.

Much of the objection and hesitation in consummating the union was due to fear of injustice being done one of the other departments of the work; but a comparison of the Treasurer's report for 1914, when we still had two Secretaries and two Treasurers in each Conference, with the report for 1917 shows advance in every Conference except several of those in the Far West, and in many cases the gain is remarkable. (Comparisons.) Not one of us but can contemplate the union with great joy.

OUR PROSPECTS.

The outlook is encouraging. Despite the disturbed conditions, we begin the quadrennium with the brightest day before us we have ever faced. There is no limit to what we may do other than the one we set ourselves. I have made a careful study of the Home Base with a view of finding just what is to be done next. This study has brought out the following statistics:

In Southern Methodism we have 19,800 Churches grouped into 6,150 charges. Of these, 2,003 are stations and 806 have two Churches each. The remaining 3,341 are circuits, with from three to ten Churches each.

The number of societies already organized may be, and most probably are, distributed as follows: One to each station and two to each two-appointment charge (3,615); one to each three-appointment circuit (738)—leaving nearly 500 to the 1,068 circuits of four Churches each.

From these facts two conclusions are easily drawn:

1. The Missionary Society is organized in cities and small towns, and our business is to nurture. We must press into the leadership of the missionary ranks the women in whose hearts the missionary cause is large and who have gifts, graces, and grit to make it large to other women. There never was a time when so much depended upon efficient leadership. My impression regarding this is so strong that I have already begun the appeal to the leadership at its real foundation, the auxiliary presidents. In the best letter that I know how to write I have put this emergency before them, and I am greatly encouraged by the response I am having from them. Big financial policies and intense campaigns must loom large in the auxiliary plans for the year.

2. The women of the rural districts must be cultivated with peculiar care and effort. The societies that have been formed among them have in most cases had very precarious existences. They have been creatures of chance and have, as it were, lived from hand to mouth, depending for their lives on the missionary-spirited pastor or pastor's wife or the temporary presence of some woman who knew the missionary work. There are many societies for whom our literature is too difficult and our organization too elaborate. Shall we not begin anew our efforts in behalf of these outlying neighborhoods? Such a movement is timely. Never was the farming population so prosperous as at present. The war is enriching them. And never have they been so accessible as in these days of good roads. We should renew our efforts to secure a liberal offering for missions in this prosperous time. If leadership cannot be secured so that societies may be kept in regular order, these women may be cultivated by visits to country Churches or neighborhoods for the purpose of securing contributions for the work. Mite boxes and literature could be left with the women. Each District Secretary could assign

the unoccupied sections of her district to certain auxiliaries for periodic cultivation. Some Conferences have tried some plan of this kind, but the time is ripe for a "country drive" in every Conference.

° BUDGET SYSTEM.

There is a growing use of this system in handling auxiliary and Conference finances, and I am convinced that it should be definitely outlined and authorized by the Council at the beginning of the quadrennium. Some Conferences may not be ready for it, and its use should not be forced; but where this plan is already in use the women should be allowed to feel that they have the Council's consent, and all others should be allowed the alternative of using it if they think the time has come for it. This system will certainly facilitate the work of auxiliary, Conference, and Council Treasurers.

With these recommendations as to our future course, and with full faith that our great Leader who has so graciously directed our course in the past will continue his blessing, and with confidence that the splendidly loyal leaders and membership of the Conferences will not diminish their consecrated efforts in behalf of the cause, the Secretary looks forward to a period of great missionary vision and achievement.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1917.

CONFERENCE.	Adult Auxiliaries	Adult Members.	Young People's Auxiliaries.	Young People Members.	Junior Divisions.	Junior Members.	Baby Divisions	Baby Members	Week of Prayer.
1 Alabama.....	144	2,992	57	542	77	1,983	35	446	109
2 Baltimore.....	139	3,177	63	1,067	60	1,489	49	528	131
3 Central Texas.....	200	5,452	36	827	108	1,710	40	164	103
4 Columbia.....	11	152				15			4
5 Denver.....	9	162	1	10	1				5
6 East Columbia.....	12	131							6
7 East Oklahoma.....	127	2,539	11	200	43	835	17	148	48
8 Florida.....	128	3,029	17	432	25	652	18	290	61
9 German Mission.....	4	70			1	30	1	28	2
10 Holston.....	155	4,036	60	1,019	36	702	57	895	107
11 Illinois.....	11	200	6						11
12 Kentucky.....	123	2,663	35	518	59	1,370	58	549	128
13 Little Rock.....	108	2,800	35	604	56	1,200	26	250	55
14 Los Angeles.....	22	604	2	17	6	102	7	85	11
15 Louisiana.....	106	2,392	28	462	67	1,712	29	274	75
16 Louisville.....	201	3,674	34	376	58	1,154	34	300	70
17 Memphis.....	141	3,335	41	985	55	667	29	335	71
18 Mississippi.....	153	3,307	6	862	61	1,025	15	122	86
19 Missouri.....	100	2,334	20	445	17	289	12	44	65
20 Montana.....	7	158					1		5
21 New Mexico.....	42	737	7	149	14	302	5	107	38
22 North Alabama.....	167	4,800	53	900	69	2,548	24	270	85
23 North Arkansas.....	114	2,681	26	340	48	1,110	30	300	98
24 North Carolina.....	167	3,543	56	712	117	3,380	52	626	58
25 North Georgia.....	270	7,744	111	1,893	187	3,688	69	595	200
26 North Mississippi.....	158	3,510	36	969	50	1,232	21	261	91
27 North Texas.....	138	3,096	18	183	31	537	3	11	94
28 Northwest Texas.....	119	2,701	28	329	27	570	12	192	68
29 Pacific.....	43	995	3	65	10	269	13	149	23
30 St. Louis.....	76	1,990	18	372	20	371	14	297	40
31 South Carolina.....	144	3,556	36	707	73	1,777	11	132	53
32 South Georgia.....	231	5,364	45	525	70	1,563	32	400	130
33 Southwest Missouri.....	98	2,978	24	613	29	792	21	199	56
34 Tennessee.....	180	4,081	71	952	91	1,843	125	1,563	71
35 Texas.....	167	3,499	43	623	69	1,175	41	485	135
36 Upper South Carolina.....	159	3,335	68	1,055	82	1,850	28	351	37
37 Virginia.....	284	9,059	131	3,893	67	2,085	26	333	22
38 West Oklahoma.....	80	1,825	18	366	22	351	20	140	33
39 West Texas.....	137	2,964	24	400	56	2,097	46	822	80
40 Western North Carolina.....	127	3,628	68	1,227	88	2,360	33	613	90
41 Western Virginia.....	41	1,054	25	519	30	582	17	144	46
Total	4,843	116,347	1,416	25,158	1,960	45,420	1071	12,438	2,689

**BUREAU OF SOCIAL SERVICE, MABEL K. HOWELL,
SUPERINTENDENT.**

The purposes kept in mind in preparing this report of the Social Service Department have been twofold: First, to show as accurately as possible what has been done during the year; and, secondly, to summarize and briefly estimate the actual status of the work at the present time, as a guide for a constructive program for the future.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The correspondence involved in the conduct of this department is not a small matter for consideration. Each quarter a general circular letter has been sent to Conference superintendents setting forth the special points for emphasis in the study for the quarter. Most of the Conference Superintendents in their turn have sent special quarterly circular letters to all their auxiliaries stressing the points to be emphasized. The quarterly reports of Conference Superintendents are invariably accompanied by a letter summarizing the status of the work in the Conference and setting forth the special Conference problems—all of which letters demand special consideration. In addition there is a considerable amount of general correspondence. This last quarter circular letters were sent to every Conference superintendent containing helps and suggestions for the presentation of the work at the annual and district meetings.

LITERATURE.

In accordance with the instructions of the Council at its last session, new Conference and auxiliary report blanks were prepared. The attempt was made in these blanks to place emphasis upon the quarterly study and upon the activities that were the direct result of the quarterly study, and thus to try to hold the department within bounds: The present quarter's reports will be our first good opportunity to really test the result.

As a guide to auxiliary superintendents and their social service committees, a leaflet entitled "Suggestions" was prepared early in the summer. In this the auxiliary work was definitely outlined, and again emphasis was laid upon the study and the activities directly resulting therefrom. This leaflet has been greatly appreciated by the superintendents.

Eight programs on "Sabbath Observance" were outlined for the year-books, four for the adult and young people and four for the children. The following social service leaflets, with accompanying questionnaires, have been written by the Superintendent: "Social Legislation Regarding Childhood," "Social Legislation Regarding the Family," "The Humanitarian Law—One Day of Rest in Seven," "The Children's Law—A Day for Rest and Spiritual Culture."

Six articles have also been supplied for the *Young Christian Worker* and the *Voice*: "The Humanitarian Foundation of the Old Testament

Requirement," "The Contribution of Japan's Civil Sabbath to the Cause of Missions," "The Difference between Sunday in America and in Europe," "Jesus's Observance of the Sabbath Day," "A Sabbath in Jesus's Life," "Sunday Workers in America."

Two written reports of the meeting of the National Federation of Settlements were prepared, that the information there received as a delegate might be made available for others—one entitled "Suggestions for Wesley House Workers" and the other "Suggestions for City Mission Boards in View of the War Situation." These were sent out through the Home Department.

MEETINGS.

Your Superintendent attended the National Conference of Charities and Corrections at Pittsburgh, the meeting of the National Federation of Settlements at Valencia, and the Literature Committee meeting and two executive meetings at Nashville. School duties have prevented any attendance upon Conference meetings, although the requests have been many and insistent. The work of the department has been limited because of the inability of the Superintendent to answer these calls.

WAR WORK AND SOCIAL SERVICE.

The issuing of the leaflet, "Bugle Call to Methodist Women," by the Home Administrative Secretary just at the time of the planting of the cantonments met a real need, as it came at a moment when women were overwhelmed by the big war task arising before them and wanted a word of authorization for it. The auxiliaries plunged at once into all kinds of war work. They decided for themselves that this was a concrete social service task and that this department was a proper channel for reports concerning it. One Conference superintendent writes: "We lined our Social Service Committees right up with the government work here. I am Chairman of the Committee on Women and Girls' Activity appointed by the Fosdick Commission. We are working Church and State in harmony." Another Conference superintendent writes: "I am Chairman of the County Chapter of the American Red Cross, with seventeen branches, and supervise all the work of the county. Red Cross work seems to me the vital part of our social service work now." The superintendents again and again have expressed gratitude to the Council for the training that prepared them to take leadership at this war work. One writes: "I am so grateful to the splendid women of our Church who carried social service as a department of Church activity and who thus got us ready for this tremendous task." Our women everywhere have undoubtedly gone into the fight against sin and disease more intelligently because of this department. The fight against vice called for by the December study was carried on successfully as a war measure in many places. The Social Service Superintendent of the Virginia Conference had an able investigation made for the National Council of Defense regarding

conditions in the munitions plant near Richmond. The department have given one Conference superintendent to the war in France—Mrs. J. C. Granbery, of the Central Texas Conference. No attempt has been made to tabulate the war work done by auxiliaries and reported as social service.

ACTIVITIES DIRECTLY RESULTING FROM STUDIES.

Only in the last quarter has there been the opportunity to really see the effect of limiting activity to the line of study. A few of the definite results are here given. In the New Mexico Conference, as a result, the women secured the passage of a law against Sunday movies; in the Florida Conference a red-light district was closed as a result of the activity of the women after the December study. In the Memphis and North Georgia Conferences women entered a campaign for compulsory education as a result of the September study. In the Little Rock Conference gambling and lewd side shows during a carnival were closed by the women. In the Upper South Carolina and North Texas Conferences the women worked actively in the prohibition campaigns as a result of the study. In the North Mississippi Conference, as a direct result of the study on "Legislation Regarding Industry," the women of Corinth secured a reduction of one hour in the length of the working day for women. In the North Texas Conference, women tried to secure the closing of a factory on Sunday. All of these and many other direct results encourage us to believe that the work of the department can be controlled and made efficient.

PROBLEMS DEMANDING SOLUTION.

1. The work of the department should be more strictly limited in practice to the purpose as laid down in the Constitution, "The study and investigation of social questions and the bringing about of social reforms."

2. The direction of the Department of Social Service by the Council should, in the interest of efficiency, be in the hands of one who can give all of her time to the work and be free to aid Conferences by consultation, visitation, and investigation.

3. The weakest point in the plan as it relates to adult auxiliaries is the impossible demand it makes of every auxiliary, however small, for a seventh strong leader—that is, a leader aside from the President, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Leader of Young People and Children and of Mission Study. The very nature of the social service work demands strong and reasonably continuous leadership. Small rural auxiliaries cannot meet this excessive demand for leaders. Auxiliary Superintendents of Social Service are subject to almost constant change.

4. The young people are not being reached by the present methods. An entirely new plan needs to be worked out for them.

5. The line of demarcation between social service and the local work of the auxiliary needs to be more clearly drawn.

6. A very prolific source of dissipation of effort can be traced to the recommendations of the Social Service Sessions Committees at Annual Conference meetings. The work needs control at this point.

7. There needs to be some decision rendered as to the location of responsibility for the war activities of auxiliaries and Conferences, that a constructive program may be worked out.

*Status of Work Expressed Statistically.**

CONFERENCES.	Adult Auxiliaries.	Social Service Superintendents.	Social Service Committees.	Average Number Presenting Study.
Alabama	137	84	38	40
Baltimore	136	93	46	40
Central Texas	196	125	35	5
Columbia	12	5	3	..
Denver .....	..	..	..	10
East Columbia .....	..	..	..	30
East Oklahoma	121	17	10	..
Florida	122	60	18	41
Holston	146	67	60	3
Illinois	15	3	3	26
Kentucky	161	114	24	12
Little Rock	90	14	14	9
Los Angeles	19	10	10	55
Louisiana	94	94	40	..
Louisville	146	107	24	22
Memphis	141	107	24	12
Mississippi	144	14	13	10
Missouri	94	48	23	..
Montana .....	..	..	..	4
New Mexico	42	4	4	35
North Alabama	164	39	34	25
North Arkansas	116	27	27	28
North Carolina	162	25	20	42
North Georgia	274	184	86	20
North Mississippi	186	35	24	23
North Texas	144	104	16	25
Northwest Texas	119	28	28	2

*The figures are not absolutely accurate, as the change in the form of report blanks created confusion in reporting during two quarters.

CONFERENCES.	Adult Auxiliaries.	Social Service Superintendents.	Social Service Committees.	Average Number Presenting Study.
Pacific	44	..	..	6
St. Louis	80	6	6	40
South Carolina	154	90	90	..
South Georgia .....	...	..	..	18
Southwest Missouri	108	24	15	33
Tennessee	176	35	32	53
Texas	169	67	40	23
Upper South Carolina	156	79	24	20
Virginia	275	225	185	22
West Oklahoma	78	..	25	91
West Texas	145	109	109	20
Western North Carolina	116	18	22	9
Western Virginia	45	8	7	

BUREAU OF SUPPLIES, MRS. J. H. YARBROUGH, SUPERINTENDENT.

The Conference Superintendents of Supplies, realizing the special need this past year of the help that this department can render to our preachers and various institutions, have been zealous and faithful, and the women of the Church have been generous and kind, so we are able to report a wonderful year's work. While it is true that many unusual calls have been made upon our Church people, still every line of the department has gone forward, except a small decrease in donations sent to the foreign field, and that was caused by the uncertainty of transportation owing to war conditions.

Holston Conference leads both in number and value of donations, having sent 389 donations, valued at \$5,497.31. The St. Louis Conference was second, having sent 179 donations, valued at \$5,200.67. The St. Louis Conference sent the largest number of donations to preachers, having sent eighty-one, and the Louisville Conference was second, having sent seventy donations, an increase of seventeen over last year. Special mention should be made of the large number of donations sent preachers by the Western North Carolina Conference and the North Arkansas Conference, the former having sent forty-five donations and the latter thirty-one donations. The Tennessee Conference continues to keep high the standard of donations sent preachers, the average value of each box sent this year being ninety dollars. St. John's Church, St. Louis, St. Louis Conference, surpasses all other Churches in liberality in sending supplies, having sent this year eight donations

to preachers valued at \$1,175. They also sent donations to Kingdom House, the Lead Belt work, home and foreign missions schools to the value of \$465, making a total of \$1,640 for the year. Owing to the high cost of living at present, these supplies have been a great help and blessing, not only in the homes of our preachers, but in our schools and institutions of all kinds. Words and figures poorly express what they have been, not only to the ones who received them, but the reflex influence on the hearts and lives of the noble women who have gathered these articles together and made it possible for the Conference and auxiliary superintendents to send them to needy places will be felt in the years to come.

The report as a whole is as follows, though you will notice that twelve of the Conferences failed to report at all:

To preachers	501
To mission schools, rescue homes, city mission boards, and missionaries	1,421
To foreign fields	31
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Total number	1,953
Total value	\$42,513.72

This year's report is the largest in the history of the department, except 1912 and 1913, and at that time all supplies sent to various Conference orphanages were included in the report of supplies, which is not allowed now. The report for 1912 and 1913 was 1,253 donations, valued at \$43,822.75.

REPORT OF SUPPLIES OF CONFERENCES.

CONFERENCES.	Donations to Preachers.	Donations to Mission Schools, Missionaries, Rescue Homes, City Mission Boards.	Donations to Foreign Fields.	Total Number of Donations.	Total Value of Donations.
Alabama	33	43	..	111	\$ 1,630 76
Baltimore	5	30	1	49	784 28
Central Texas	7	..	..	37	878 70
Columbia .....	..	1	..	..	.....
Denver	1	..	..	2	16 00
East Columbia .....	..	8	..	..	.....
East Oklahoma	12	23	..	20	775 00
Florida	20	..	..	43	674 60
German Mission .....	..	368	..	..	.....
Holston	21	..	..	389	5,497 31
Illinois .....	..	37	..	..	.....

CONFERENCES.	Donations to Preachers.	Donations to Mission Schools, Missionaries, Rescue Homes, City Mission Boards.	Donations to Foreign Fields.	Total Number of Donations.	Total Value of Donations.
Kentucky	21	4	..	58	1,355 16
Little Rock	17	..	..	21	1,124 83
Los Angeles .....	..	..	..	..	.....
Louisiana .....	..	28	..	..	.....
Louisville	70	38	..	98	2,268 35
Memphis	7	5	1	45	1,181 20
Mississippi .....	..	95	1	6	198 75
Missouri .....	..	..	..	96	2,306 91
Montana .....	..	..	..	..	.....
New Mexico .....	..	4	..	..	.....
North Alabama	25	2	..	29	1,561 73
North Arkansas	31	2	..	33	646 55
North Carolina	5	129	2	7	187 00
North Georgia	20	16	1	151	2,715 89
North Mississippi	2	71	..	19	260 71
North Texas	5	35	..	76	1,591 16
Northwest Texas	7	..	..	42	1,014 87
Pacific .....	..	88	10	..	.....
St. Louis	81	..	..	179	5,200 67
South Carolina .....	..	20	11	..	.....
South Georgia	8	20	..	39	1,159 45
Southwest Missouri	5	75	..	25	687 49
Tennessee	29	129	..	104	3,546 95
Texas	11	8	..	144	2,096 90
Upper South Carolina	4	30	..	12	404 72
Virginia	7	8	..	37	1,712 65
West Oklahoma	2	17	..	10	140 28
West Texas .....	..	78	..	17	371 00
Western North Carolina	45	9	..	54	1,170 00
Western Virginia .....	..	..	..	..	.....
	501	1,421	31	1,953	\$42,513 72

QUADRENNIAL REPORT.

	No. of Donations.	Value.
1915	874	\$ 24,991 81
1916	1,206	30,337 64
1917	1,728	41,081 30
1918	1,953	42,513 72
Total	5,761	\$138,924 47

When the call came to the women of the Church to aid in building parsonages in connection with the Church Extension Board, they found also the great need of some plan of sending supplies to needy preachers on the frontier and in hard places in our older Conferences. The first boxes were sent out by the Churches of Louisville, Ky., while Miss Lucinda Helm was Secretary. Later, the work grew under the care and direction of Mrs. R. K. Hargrove as General Secretary. The Central Committee, who at that time directed the work of the society, decided the supply work should be put into a department under the care of a Superintendent. At their annual meeting in Louisville, Ky., May, 1896, a Superintendent was elected to take entire charge of this department. It is interesting to know that, after all these years have passed, the same Superintendent they elected that day has had charge of this work. It has been a joy and blessing to her to help make it possible, after twenty-two years, to report such a wonderful work the women of the Church have been able to do through this channel. During this time 17,769 donations, valued at \$522,075.74, have been sent to gladden the hearts and make more comfortable many homes and lives.

MISSIONARY VOICE, MRS. E. B. CHAPPELL, ASSOCIATE EDITOR.

The close of this quadrennium marks the close of the third year of the present plan of editorship of the *Missionary Voice*. We have endeavored during these years to keep always before our readers the essential purpose of the gospel—the telling of the good news first concerning Jerusalem, then Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. The growth in these years has been somewhat encouraging, reaching its highest mark in 1916. The year 1917 shows a slight falling off in the number of subscribers. Such fluctuations are to be expected in the history of all periodicals, and the unusual increase in March, 1918, but proves the truth of this statement.

Some calls never cease till they are answered, said some one; and the call from the women of the Church for a missionary journal conducted exclusively by and for women has been insistent for the past eight years. The explanation of this demand is to be found in the growing need for an organ which shall be devoted solely to the propagating and cultivating of the missionary organizations composed of women and girls. The marvelous increase and expansion of woman power and efficiency in club, Red Cross, and Young Women's Christian Association machinery makes the leaders in the mission cause eager to see methods of cultivation used which shall fully keep pace with this ever-rising standard for woman's work. Promotion literature which will serve this purpose is not possible in the scope of a monthly magazine, material for which must be in the hands of the printer thirty days in advance of publication. News from Conference, district, auxiliary, and special meetings must be fresh in order to be helpful and inspiring. Personal items, which of necessity are de-

barred from a dignified missionary journal, would admirably serve in a promotion magazine. The contagion of success is a recognized factor in all organized work, and when we read of progressive methods which are being used in the work of other auxiliaries we long to emulate them. With all the attention which has been given to our work in the past, something still more is necessary if we are to reach the vast number of Methodist women and girls who do not read the missionary literature or come to the missionary meetings. I, therefore, most heartily concur in the following action of the Executive Committee in mid-year session—namely, first, that the Woman's Department of the *Voice* and the *Missionary Bulletin* be discontinued; secondly, that a monthly periodical for the promotion of the woman's work be published.

There has been a sustained effort to provide auxiliaries with such program material as will enable them to effectively carry out the programs as suggested in the Yearbook. The chief difficulty has come from the lack of an appropriation that would enable the editors to pay for such articles. All other connectional periodicals in our own Church offer some compensation to contributors. It not only embarrasses the editor to call upon busy men and women to donate their time and ability for the writing of articles requiring extended research, but also renders uncertain the securing of the material. Therefore we recommend that a fund not exceeding three hundred dollars shall be granted annually with which to meet this need. This fund would be needed even if the present plan of publication should be continued.

In view of the increased cost of publication, which has forced the decrease in size of the *Missionary Voice* from a forty-eight to a thirty-two-page magazine, in order to maintain the present low price, and desiring to relieve the Board so far as possible of the yearly deficit, I recommend insertion of well-censored advertisements and that an effort be made to make the paper self-supporting.

Great war issues are claiming our attention to-day. World measures are compelling and engrossing. John R. Mott says: "We are summoned by this shaken, overburdened, embittered, suffering, teachable, and unselfish world to get ready for the great task awaiting us when the war draws to a close. We shall have the chance of our lives to lift loads." Dr. Harry Fosdick says: "The missionary enterprise is the Christian campaign for international good will." To get ready for this task and to enter this campaign is the obligation of every missionary leader. A great opportunity is in the hands of those who prepare and disseminate missionary literature. To fail to seize it is to fail at a vital point in the world emergency. The solid woman power of our Methodism must get behind the missionary magazine and make of it a potent factor in meeting the challenge of the present crisis.

YOUNG CHRISTIAN WORKER, SARA ESTELLE HASKIN, EDITOR.

In these days of judgment many small things have become great, and many great things have become small. Every earnest-hearted woman (as well as every true man) has asked herself this question: "Is the thing I am doing really worth the doing? Am I making my time and my money and my talent count for the most possible?" Each day that passes it becomes more evident that the missionary message lived and practiced by the world is its only salvation. In the light of these revelations that are coming to us in these serious days our children's missionary magazine is one of the things to which its editor may give herself with a redoubled zeal and with a prayer that its goal might be speedily reached—namely, the *Young Christian Worker* in every Methodist home where there is a child. She might also express a great longing that its space for the great educational work of our childhood should be doubled and that means be provided for an improved pictorial work as well as advances along other lines.

In the year that has passed we have sought to correlate our material with the junior programs and at the same time to make the outlook broader than the programs. The February subject was the "Children of the Coal Fields," and the *Young Christian Worker* told stories of children who work, securing from the National Child Labor Committee much valuable material in the way of facts and stories and telling pictures. The March program called for a Mexican life story, and through the aid of Miss Case and other of our missionaries we were able to present a number of stories of Mexican heroes which made this number most valuable. The April topic called for spirit worship in Korea, and the *Young Christian Worker* presented worship in many lands. We are planning thus to enlarge upon the topics throughout the year.

It was put upon paper at our last Council meeting that our goal for the year should be thirty thousand subscribers for the *Young Christian Worker*. Instead of advancing to our goal, we have made a slight retreat and have received in actual cash \$218.96 less in 1917 than we received in 1916. This means that we have lost nearly one thousand subscribers. At the same time the expense of printing has steadily advanced until it is nearly one-third greater than it was when the present editor undertook her work. The expenses for 1917 were \$933 more than in 1916. On account of the advance in price and the loss in subscriptions, we closed the year with a large deficit. Because of the absorption in the war and its attendant strain upon the motherhood of the land, we are sure that the question of the education of the children has been overlooked. The falling off of the subscriptions to the *Young Christian Worker* has been paralleled by the falling off in the junior mission study classes. This is not surprising, and yet we cannot afford to fail at this point, especially now, for the future safety of the world lies in its ideals of democracy, which is in reality, in its

last analysis and finest interpretation, a Christian brotherhood. This Christian democracy of the world depends upon the heart and mind of the coming generation, and this heart and mind can be molded only by a strong, efficient, and sufficient missionary education and propaganda. We must meet our financial obligation for the publication of the *Young Christian Worker*; we must also do our part in the missionary education of the childhood of our Church. The editor has been unable thus far to visit more than one or two Conferences since the last meeting of the Council. This has been because of the special obligation to advance the other line of work committed to her hands. The plan of a spring drive for the month of March was undertaken; these plans were outlined and sent through the Conference Second Vice Presidents to the auxiliaries. Very attractive pins in blue and gold were offered to each new subscriber; as a result the subscriptions are beginning to increase quite rapidly—six hundred was banked during this month alone—but we are convinced that no effort which the editor can make will succeed in bringing the magazine to the desired goal unless the responsibility can be laid upon the adult auxiliaries as well as upon the Conference Second Vice Presidents.

We therefore recommend that an agent shall be elected or appointed in each local auxiliary whose duty it shall be to push the campaign for the *Young Christian Worker* until it has been placed in every Methodist home in the community. This agent should not consider her duty performed until this has been accomplished. This plan of the local agent should apply to all auxiliaries where there are no Junior Divisions. We wish to remind you again that the *Young Christian Worker* is the only children's missionary paper in the Church, and its circulation is even more important where there are no Junior Auxiliaries.

We also recommend that the goal for the coming year shall be thirty thousand, that this number be apportioned to the Conference, and that each Conference be urged to meet this specific, definite goal.

We further recommend that the *Young Christian Worker* and our adult missionary magazine enter into a combined effort to help meet the expenses of the two magazines by carefully selected advertisements.

STUDENT SECRETARIES.

Miss Bess Combs.

This has been a great year. While the rest of you have through the year been planning ways and means of raising money and interesting uninterested women in missions and such like, I have been dealing and working with vital, throbbing, responsive young life, and I repeat that it has been a great year. Wonder why we have so long neglected this phase of our work? How uncertain and indefinite is the idea of missions in the minds of ninety-nine per cent of our college students, and even among the student volunteers themselves! Under

such conditions, it is remarkable that we have as many missionaries on the field as we have.

SUMMER WORK.

I attended eleven summer conferences in six States. Nine of them were Epworth League Conferences, one young people's camp at Camp Kavanaugh, Ky., and visited several days at the Y. W. C. A. Conference at Blue Ridge, N. C. We need not expect student volunteers from Epworth League Conferences. College students do not go there. High-school and business girls attend Epworth League Conferences. If a college girl attends any, it is the Y. W. C. A. Summer Conference.

The camp at Kavanaugh was splendid. When we arrange our summer conference to meet the needs of college girls, then and only then can we expect college students to attend.

SCHOOL WORK.

The only reason we haven't all the missionaries we need is our own fault. The young life of to-day is eager to invest itself in a big service. They don't know about these places of service, and they are not going to respond by reading books or even to letters. They will respond only to a personality; therefore we must keep a student secretary in the field.

Seventy-five per cent of our student volunteers are boys and girls who are either working their way through school or else have borrowed the money and will have to work and pay it back after the have finished college, before they go on with their further preparation. Some financial arrangement must be made for these students.

Few and far between are the students who know anything at all about our Woman's Council, and many have never heard of it. Something must be done to bring these students in touch with our leaders.

I attended two conferences of the State Student Volunteer Unions, one at Columbus, Miss., the other at Enid, Okla. At Columbus there were more than forty volunteers, and at Enid there were twelve. If possible, we should have a Secretary at every State Volunteer Conference.

I had the great privilege of attending the Student Volunteer Conference at Northfield, Mass., and the Foreign Mission Conference at Garden City, L. I.

Out of the deepest depths of our heart to-day we thank our Father for this year of blessed service, and out of love for these student volunteers we are praying for a Secretary next year who can go out and meet these girls on their own land, one who from experience knows what it means to face the bitterest opposition, to come down to the last penny and not know this year what next year holds, who can counsel, love, and boost these who are to be our missionaries.

Miss Edith F. Fuess.

The summer conference work of 1917 covered a period of six weeks and included six conferences—a Y. W. C. A. Student Conference a

Hollister, Mo.; a Young People's Missionary Conference at Henderson-Brown College, Arkadelphia, Ark.; four Epworth League Conferences in Arkansas and Missouri; the Methodist Assembly at Port O'Connor, Tex. The summer schedule was arranged too late to provide any definite place on the program for the Secretary, a fact that was in itself a most fortunate circumstance, since it gave ample time, freedom, and opportunity for interviews. It was indeed a happy privilege to share some of the difficulties, problems, and questionings that come to young life, seeking to find and work out his purpose. There were thirty who offered themselves for definite missionary service. It remains for the next few years to prove the steadfastness and loyalty of these to their high calling. The months of August and September were given over to study and correspondence with the young women of the summer Conferences who in the early days of their committal to a life purpose stood in special need of wise personal guidance in their spiritual lives and strong, true friendship in their personal lives.

The regular college visitation work was begun about the middle of October with plans to cover the Eastern section of our Southern Methodist territory during the year. In general, it was the purpose to visit all Church schools and as many State schools as the Methodist enrollment in the same would seem to justify. As a rule schools, both faculty and students, were cordial in their reception, careful in the making of arrangements for the visit. In some few instances the lack of understanding of the real purpose of the work and the crowded school courses made the work difficult and awkward.

A year's survey in the student life of the colleges visited would seem to reveal:

As to Conditions among Students.—1. An amazing ignorance with reference to the missionary program of the Church, at home or abroad; a fact that students offer as an explanation of their failure to assume any large responsibility for the missionary interests of the Church.

2. A genuine interest on the part of the students in a message from the Church that would open up to them opportunities for the investment of life and life capacities.

3. The promise of a great outpouring of life when the real facts of the need have been given.

As to the Asking of the Students Themselves.—1. Missionary information designed for college use with a strong appeal to college youth.

2. Systematic and effective method of keeping before our college life the specific needs of the missionary program of the Church.

3. Large summer Conference programs that shall in a large way compel the attention and interest of college students, that shall put them in touch with the leaders of our work, that shall make them centers from which radiate rays of enthusiasm in every direction.

SCARRITT BIBLE AND TRAINING SCHOOL.**Twenty-Seventh Annual Report of the Board of Managers.**

The closing year of a quarter century of work of an institution dealing with lives and destinies brings to its managers a deep sense of obligation as the work accomplished is reviewed. In this the twenty-seventh annual report of the Scarritt Bible and Training School the Board of Managers acknowledges with profound gratitude the leadership of God, to whose glory the school has been dedicated and for whose service it was planned. The year 1917 will always be noteworthy as the silver anniversary of the institution. The record made by the school through its trained workers has been gratifying, and it enters upon its half century goal with unabated courage and enthusiasm. Although the enrollment in the present year has been smaller than for many years, yet the session has been successful.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD.

The annual meeting was held on the last Wednesday in January, 1918, as was fixed by the law last year. The report of the principal showed the progress made during the year and the successful endeavor to adapt the instruction and training to present-day conditions and demands. New courses of instruction and systematic and well-graded field work have been planned to insure to the student body the highest efficiency. In accordance with the recommendations of the Principal, the Board appointed several committees as follows:

Committee for Promotion of Enrollment.

Mrs. F. N. Peters, Mrs. L. P. Smith, and Miss M. L. Gibson. This committee was instructed to formulate a plan to increase the student body and to present the same to the Council in annual session.

Committee on Publicity.

Mrs. MacDonell, Mrs. Owen, and the Principal were appointed to plan for advertising the school more widely before the Church at large, and the students in colleges and normals.

Committee on Library and Periodical Fund.

This committee is to plan for a fund to purchase reference books and to endeavor to increase efficiency by keeping students in training for Christian social service abreast with world events by means of standard periodicals. It is hoped that the Library Fund will commend itself so highly to this body that many members will recognize the worth of such a fund and will voluntarily undertake to present the subject of a Reference Library Fund to individuals in their Conference societies. The Periodical Fund has been provided for this year, one hundred dollars having been pledged from local funds by the Melrose Auxilliary of Kansas City, Mo., at the request of Mrs. Owen, who was

appointed a Committee on Periodicals. The Board indorsed the recommendation that members of the Training School Faculty visit summer gatherings and that their expenses be paid. The reports of the officers and that of the Public Auditor who had examined the accounts of the Treasurer were presented and adopted. The Treasurer, Mr. C. W. Scarritt, made a statement in regard to the present financial condition of the institution and expressed his opinion that two treasurers are no longer necessary. In this connection Mr. Scarritt moved: "That the office of Treasurer as held heretofore be dispensed with and that the duties be transferred to the office of the Financial Secretary, who shall hereafter be called Secretary and Treasurer." The motion was adopted. An expression of high appreciation was given to Mr. Scarritt for his fidelity and helpfulness in the days of stress and strain and was ordered spread upon the minutes. Miss Bennett and others added their personal testimony of appreciation. Miss Elizabeth Billingsley was given the double office, and her title was changed to Treasurer. Her bond was fixed at \$10,000. Mr. Scarritt was continued as agent.

The Special Committee on Heating Plant reported through Mr. Scarritt that, after obtaining bids for the installation of a vacuum system, the contract was let to B. E. Brown for the sum of \$1,274.35. Other incidental repairs to the furnace made the total cost \$1,356.40. During the extreme cold weather it was found necessary to connect a hot water boiler with the furnace, as, owing to low gas pressure, it had been impossible to secure hot water when the thermometer was below zero.

On motion, this expense was included in the repairs to the heating plant, for which appropriation had been made by the Council. Total amount expended, \$1,706.40.

The managers whose term of office expires in 1918—Mrs. L. P. Smith, Mr. Charles W. Scarritt, and Mrs. Emma Edwards—were reelected. Officers were elected as follows: President, Bishop E. R. Hendrix; Vice President, Miss Belle H. Bennett; Secretary, Miss Maria Layng Gibson; Treasurer, Miss Elizabeth Billingsley; Auditor, Mrs. Henry S. Owen. Mr. Jared C. Gant was continued as Financial Adviser to Mr. C. W. Scarritt. Agent.

THE CHICK TRIAL.

The trial of Joseph S. Chick, former Treasurer, has passed through many stages and has created widespread criticism in the city and elsewhere. The State has lost one case—viz., the embezzlement of the American Car and Foundry Stock, which was sold in June, 1915, and not accounted for. The next case that came to trial—the Melrose Parsonage Fund—was appealed to the Supreme Court, but the defense lost, and the case is booked for trial this month. As his defense is conducted by six political lawyers skilled in demurring and technicalities, the case promises to be long continued and the results uncertain.

CHANGES IN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM.

Several noteworthy changes have been made in the school system. The session remains thirty-six weeks, but instead of two terms of unequal length as hitherto, it is now divided into three terms of twelve weeks each. This change provides for a more flexible schedule, which, owing to the introduction of new courses, was desirable. The first day of each term is devoted to consultation and matriculation, the last three days to term examinations.

Opportunities for social service in home and foreign mission work have been increased so greatly that the required field work in training students has been increased. Two schedules have been put into operation. One schedule is under the section of the Department of Religious Education and is in two divisions:

1. The Conduct of Organized Bible Classes and Evangelistic Meetings.

2. Conduct of Sunday School Classes and Story Hour.

The other schedule of field work is under the Section of the Department of Sociology and is under three divisions:

1. Systematic Visitation: Principles and Methods.

2. The Organization and Conduct of Groups: Clubs, Classes, or Societies.

3. Social Research and Social Service Work.

The departmental work of the school has continued with unabated interest. A Red Cross class was inaugurated in the winter term and will soon be ready for government examination. The Department of Languages has made gratifying advancement.

EXTENSION COURSES FOR MEN AND WOMEN.

A progressive move was the establishment of Extension Courses for Men and Women, given in four departments for ten weeks, from October to December, on Thursday nights. The efficiency courses offered were as follows:

Department of English Bible: "Historic Origin of the Bible," Mrs. Mary L. Hargrove.

Department of Sociology: "Principles and Methods of Social Statistics," Miss Mabel K. Howell.

Department of Religious Education: "The Sunday School—Helps to Efficiency," Miss Henrietta L. Gay.

Department of Languages: "Spanish," Dr. Nicholas Jaime.

Sixty-eight persons enrolled in these courses and despite cold and inclement weather showed their interest by continued attendance and appreciation.

FACULTY SERVICE.

The faculty rendered efficient service elsewhere that has reflected credit on the school. Mrs. Hargrove gave a Bible course on "Old Testament Heroes" at the City Conference Young Women's Christian

Association at Hollister, Mo. Miss Gay taught "Missions" and gave a "Story Hour" at the Interdenominational School of Missions at Denton, Tex. Miss Howell attended the summer term in Columbia University, New York, taking advanced work in Church and Social Service and in Social Statistics in the Department of Sociology. They have also contributed to the inspiration and efficiency of many Conferences and missionary meetings in this city.

GIFTS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

Advancements in curriculum have been accompanied by improvements in the building, made possible by gifts from societies and friends. Last year the Melrose Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society appropriated \$160 of its local fund to the installation of drinking fountains in the training school, and there are now fountains and faucets on three floors, with an ice box and filter in the basement, which guarantees purified and chilled water to the entire building. This year Melrose Auxiliary appropriated \$150 to the school from its budget for a Bausch and Lomb Balopticon, in which lantern slides, post cards, and other pictures may be effectively used. It also provided an aluminum screen for illustrated lectures in the chapel and a sheet for classroom demonstrations. This society has thus ministered to the intellectual and physical needs of the school. This auxiliary has again shown its great interest by appropriating \$100 of its local fund this year to supply periodicals for the reading table.

Through Mrs. J. W. Lee, the St. Louis Conference Woman's Missionary Society made a gift of \$155 toward a much-needed new hall carpet. A gift of \$100 from Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood added to that amount carpeted the Waterhouse reception room and the main hall on the first floor. This gift has added much to the beauty of the entrance hall and to the comfort of the household.

A much-appreciated addition to the office efficiency is a new Diebold safe—a gift from Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood. The safe is large enough to hold all the financial records. The small safe—the gift of Dr. Palmore at the opening of the school in 1892—now adds to the furnishings of the principal's office and holds the records of the Board meetings. A fire in the basement last October, which damaged the boiler room and filled the west side of the building with dense black smoke, made apparent the need for a larger safe for the protection of important papers and records. The fire was fully covered by insurance, which was settled with the companies by Mr. C. W. Scarritt.

The Florida Conference beautifully refurnished the Florida room, and the Louisville Conference transformed the Helm-Barclay room into one worthy of the noble women for whom it was named. These rooms are now very attractive and a joy to those who dwell in them.

The Student Volunteer Band has had perpetual rejoicing through the year in the gift from the North Carolina Conference Society of a large

new room newly furnished. The color scheme is oak and Copenhagen blue, and the room is beautiful.

Among the Christmas gifts to the school, several were especially attractive: a beautiful United States flag, the gift of Miss Catherine German; a service flag, given by Miss Dora Hoffman, bearing twenty-three stars, representing the brothers of the students, the nephews of the faculty, and two nurses—Miss Geneva Farmer and Mrs. Helen McIntosh Irwin—both in France as Red Cross nurses and representatives of the Scarritt alumnae. These two gifts appeal to our patriotism and evidence their loyalty.

Storeroom and larder have been generously supplied with fruit and edibles as well as staples by Conferences and auxiliaries. Boxes of linen and towels have replenished the linen closet and added to the comfort of the household. One dozen hand-painted cups and saucers and a sandwich plate from Miss Lawshe added to the beauty of the table appointments. These gifts serve a double purpose.

GIFTS TO MISSIONS AND WAR WORK.

Although the student body is small, yet it has ranked well in systematic giving to missionary and war work. The missionary society forwarded \$128.95 to the Treasurer of the Southwest Missouri Conference Society. Fifty-one became members of the Red Cross at Christmas, and \$12 was sent through the Board of Missions to Rev. J. J. Morgan, Agent of American Bible Society, to purchase Testaments for our soldiers. Nor did the service of the household end with giving money. They have given time and strength—have curtailed hours of leisure and have spent hours of recreation in work for the Red Cross and army. Two baby kits have been supplied and forwarded to the American hospitals in France, and two boxes of books have been given to soldiers in camps. Patriotism must give expression when our own men are fighting our country's battles.

THE PAGEANT, "THE SPIRIT OF SCARRITT."

Among the events of the year one stands out preëminently—viz., the pageant entitled "The Spirit of Scarritt," written by one of the seniors, Miss Edna Lee Booker, and produced by the students as part of the commencement exercises. Its episodes commemorated the founding of the institution and showed forth the work accomplished in twenty-five years. The pageant has been produced in Trinity Auditorium, Los Angeles, and it is hoped that it may be reproduced in many other places. The alumnae had part in the celebration. Besides personal silver gifts to the principal, \$424.10 was presented to her to be used at her discretion. This amount has been placed on deposit in the savings bank and forms the M. L. Gibson Fund, which will be used for the school. The pageant has been published and is for sale at twenty-five cents. No better medium for publicity could be found than this beautiful embodiment of "The Spirit of Scarritt."

THE GRADUATING CLASS.

Only thirteen seniors will graduate May 21. Its numbers have been decreased by illness and other causes. The commencement exercises will be held May 21 in the chapel. The class of 1918 will have an unusual privilege, as the National Conference of Social Work will hold an eight days' session in Kansas City, May 15-22, which all the students will have an opportunity to attend.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

The school is developing in efficiency, as this report will demonstrate. This Council is providing ample maintenance, and the most serious lack is a larger student body. From the home field and the regions beyond the demand for trained workers is insistent—the ranks at home and abroad are fast being depleted because the workers are taxed beyond endurance. Is it not tragic that so few trained workers are ready to fill their ranks? Ten graduates of this class will go out this year under this Council—four foreign missionaries and six deaconess probationers. Their numbers should be increased. Shall not this be our aim this year? In the midst of the present world chaos, the Church is looking to the establishment of a Christian world order and discussing the essentials of world leadership. This institution has for its aim the preparation of Christian leaders—an aim which should be of greater interest to the Church than the training of men in camps and cantonments to fight world battles. Shall not this Board take some action to insure recruits for the army of the Lord? "The King's business requireth haste!"

MISS MARIA LAYNG GIBSON, *Secretary*.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE SCARRITT BIBLE AND TRAINING SCHOOL FROM
JANUARY 1, 1917, TO JANUARY 1, 1918.

Receipts.

55	Balance brought forward		\$ 1,539 78
43	Interest on loans to students.....\$	69 57	
47	Refunds on loans to students.....	519 20	588 77
57	Book account	592 40	
59	Board	1,725 70	
69	Office expense, refunds	140 81	
71	Sustentation Fund, C. W. S.....	53 06	
73	Household expense, refunds.....	79 84	
76	General expense, Miss Haight.....	11 25	
78	Furniture and fixtures, Conference rooms, etc.	708 70	
82	Fuel and lights, Mr. Vrooman....	50 00	
86	Incidental fees	75 50	
87	Students' car fare from churches..	52 85	
91	Repair account, storm insurance..	44 10	

98	Cleora Murphy Library, Louisville				
	Conference	\$	5	35	
101	Sociology Outline Fund		22	75	
103	Laboratory fees		14	00	
106	Piano practice		10	15	
108	Infirmary		56	33	
110	Domestic arts		11	40	
121	Advance Club		2	00	
123	Special donations		550	90	
	Board from students		8,038	40—	\$12,245 49
115	Woman's Missionary Council:				
	Foreign Department		6,500	00	
	Home Department		5,500	00	
	Salary, Home Department		833	34—	12,833 34—\$25,078 83
	Total for school				\$27,207 38

Disbursements.

47	Loan to students				\$ 50 00
54	Insurance, N. Scarritt	\$	95	80	
57	Book account		508	00	
69	Office expense		1,481	51	
73	Household expense		10,791	45	
73	General expense		76	72	
78	Furniture and fixtures		1,116	12	
82	Fuel and light: Oil, 1,440 barrels		2,559	55	
	Electricity		357	95	
	Coal and wood		175	55	
	Gas		32	39	
83	Water supply		169	25	
87	Students' car fare		190	50	
91	Repair account		1,229	03	
94	Salaries account		5,734	17	
96	Religious Pedagogy Library		9	80	
97	Student Volunteer Library		6	77	
98	Cleora Murphy Library		43	65	
99	Oil installment bal. and steam attachment....		275	00	
99	Bond of Treasurer, C. W. S.		37	50	
100	M. L. Gibson Library Fund		7	90	
101	Sociology Outline Fund		49	15	
106	Infirmary		170	63	
110	Domestic arts		13	40	
117	Cooking school supplies		39	26	
	Refunds to students		95	00—	25,266 05
115	Woman's Missionary Council, loans and in-				
	terest collectable				* 538 77
55	Balance on hand				1,352 56
					\$27,207 38

ELIZABETH BILLINGSLEY, *Financial Secretary.*

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

CITY MISSION AND DEACONESS WORK.

REPORT No. 1.

During the year 1917 thirty-eight City Mission Boards, with a membership of 1,700, conducted social and religious work in forty-one settlements, or other social centers, and seven coöperative homes for working girls. These boards expended \$76,687.12 in the conduct of this work. Ninety-two trained workers were employed. This work grouped itself according to industrial, racial, and foreign communities. Listed, it shows:

	Settlements.	Trained Workers.	Volunteers.	Houses.	Community.
Cotton Mill	15	29	376	5,047	23,300
Foreign	15	43	306	8,897	180,000
Other English-Speaking					
Industrial Groups	9	16	74	9,425	111,372
Negroes	2	4	5	900	3,000
Totals	41	92	761	24,269	317,572

It is worthy of note that \$23,405.30 was expended for cotton mill work, \$36,204.28 for foreign work, and \$19,547.40 for negro and other English-speaking industrial groups by these City Mission Boards.

During the year City Mission Boards were organized at Charlotte, N. C., for work among cotton mill people, and at Austin, Tex., for work with Mexicans.

We have maintained 9 day nurseries, with 735 children; 21 kindergartens, with 1,529 children; 208 industrial classes, with 4,195 in attendance; 19 night schools, with 684 students; 11,465 books were loaned, and 6,422 persons profited by the reading rooms. There were 118 boys' clubs, with 1,715 enrolled; 70 girls' clubs, with 1,090 enrolled; 46 young women's clubs, with 663 enrolled; 32 mothers' clubs, with 1,020 in attendance. Thirty-two settlements have conducted story hours regularly. Nineteen conducted play grounds, where 849 children were at play. Seven settlements maintain free baths; 11,208 took advantage of these. There were 596 entertainments given, of which 128 were given by the communities themselves. Fourteen settlements have conducted clinics, and 14,316 patients were treated. The settlements have been affiliated with 32 Sunday schools, where 4,168 children were in attendance. There were 71,936 visitors received by the deaconesses and missionaries; 74,145 visits were made. There were 1,350 meetings

addressed by these trained workers. There were 15,669 garments given or sold. To this story of activity must be added that more than 213 were brought into the Church by the settlement work, and the deaconesses knew of 155 conversions due to their activities. A cyclone in May destroyed the Wesley House at Flat River, Mo., in the Lead Belt. Later, the I. W. W. interference drove the foreigners out of the community, so that our settlement work was temporarily closed.

The new Wesley House at San Antonio, erected by the City Board, has made the work there most inviting, while the settlement work in Griffin, Ga., has developed sufficiently to employ two workers. The owners of the Avondale Cotton Mill Company have enlarged the appropriation to the Wesley House, so that an enlargement of the working force will be possible there.

We have had fourteen calls for deaconesses and trained workers during the year. Of these, nine were for Church deaconesses, two for day nurseries, two for travelers' aids, and one from the American Cast-Iron Pipe Company for a trained negro nurse.

The settlements have conducted a progressive war program, in that they have become centers for registration, Red Cross demonstration, and food conservation work. In the foreign districts the settlement has stood as a friend to those who had loved ones across the water. A most interesting line of knitting done by the cotton mill mothers in their hours off duty has demonstrated the patriotism of our settlement communities. Three of our appointees have been called into war service. Miss Lula Cason, of Dallas, Tex., is located at Camp Wilcox, as nurse; Miss Lula March, of Tampa, Fla., is located at Camp Sevier, while the third worker is waiting final appointment under the Committee for Protection of Girls. From far France the appeal has come for Miss Mary DeBardeleben, who awaits your pleasure concerning that important field.

In the early fall Mrs. J. J. Dickey, so closely related to the work of this committee, passed to her reward. Since the beginning of the deaconess work in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, it has been the pleasure of Mrs. Dickey to make the bonnets worn by our deaconesses. These, her beloved fellow workers, testify not only to her artistic gifts in making the bonnets, but they tell of the loving notes which brought inspiration to them in their work. Your representatives at the annual meeting of the National Federation of Settlements profited from the inspiration gleaned and in ample report were able to pass on to the Wesley House workers many items of interest taken from the discussion at this meeting.

REPORT No. 2.

We recommend the following deaconesses for renewal of certificates: Miss Emma Abbott, Miss Lillie Black, Miss Florence Blackwell, Miss Cora Borchers, Mrs. Selden Bryan, Miss Josephine Burgland, Miss Emma Burton, Miss Ellen Cloud, Miss Lola Brown, Miss Hazel Cooper,

Miss Rosa Breeden, Miss Elizabeth Cox, Miss Mattie Cunningham, Miss Mary Daniel, Miss Josephine Dreyer, Miss Rhoda Drago, Miss Jennie Ducker, Miss Daisy Duncan, Miss May Ora Durham, Miss Minnie Eidson, Miss Maria Elliott, Miss Bertie Ellison, Miss Connie Fagan, Miss Maude Fail, Miss Edith Fuess, Miss Ellen Gainey, Miss Helen Gardner, Miss Grace Gatewood, Miss Helen Gibson, Miss Cornelia Godbey, Miss Aletha Graham, Miss Gertrude Grizzard, Miss Mary Hanscom, Miss Laura Harris, Miss Jennie Harvey, Miss Mary Hasler, Miss Dora Hoover, Miss Eliza Iles, Miss Ethel Jackson, Miss Susie Belle Jeter, Miss Edith Leighty, Miss Mabel Kennedy, Miss Frances Mann, Miss Sarah Lowder, Miss Frankie Miller, Miss Ethel McCaughan, Miss Mary Moore, Miss Rena Murphy, Miss Annie Mutch, Miss Constance Palmore, Miss Lillian Parker, Miss Della Pearson, Miss Adeline Peeples, Miss Laura B. Proctor, Miss Margaret Ragland, Miss Falla Richardson, Miss Sophia Richardson, Miss Daisy Ritter, Miss Grace Rowland, Miss Frances Scott, Miss Alice Shelder, Miss May Shelton, Miss Eugenia Smith, Miss Ida Stevens, Miss Elizabeth Taylor, Miss Bertha Thomas, Miss Lois Tinsley, Miss Eva Waddell, Miss Wilhelmina Wahlroos, Miss Kate Walker, Miss Florence Whiteside, Miss Mattie Wike, Miss Jennie Williams, Miss Mollie Womack, Miss Mattie Wright.

We recommend for reappointment the following missionaries: Mrs. Julia Bodley Acton, Miss Bessie Allen, Miss Annie Alford, Miss Ellen Alfter, Miss Bessie Bunn, Mrs. Carrie Bond, Miss Bessie Brand, Miss Ruth Byerly, Miss Lula Cason, Miss Sue Cole, Miss Dorothy Crim, Miss Ethel Cunningham, Miss Sade Davis, Mrs. Grace Driver, Miss Mary DeBardeleben, Miss Estelle Haskin, Miss Lillie Fox, Miss Elizabeth Hughes, Miss Ella Hooper, Miss Mary Lee, Miss Grace Jackson, Miss Lula Marsh, Miss Susie Mitchell, Miss Nelle Proffitt, Miss Annie Rector, Miss Hattye Sellars, Mrs. E. L. Souby, Miss Willie Terrill, Miss Claudia Wannamaker, Miss Emma Vogel, Miss May Owings, Mrs. Laura White, Miss Ella Kerr Butcher, Miss Eloise Baxter, Miss Frances Denton, Miss May Coburn, Miss Eva Dorton, Miss Ethel Dickinson, Miss Celia Parsons, Miss Mittie Hamby.

REPORT No. 3.

We recommend for consecration to the work and office of deaconess Miss Bertie Breeden, Roanoke, Va., and Miss Emma Olmstead, Louisville, Ky.

We recommend for appointment: Miss Jennie Elah Cannon, Hemingway, S. C.; Miss Dorothy Dodd, Hartsville, Tenn.; Miss Gaye Hoke, Second Creek, W. Va.; Miss Ida Jane Moore, Valley Head, Ala.; Miss Bethiah Reed, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Miss Mamie Robinson, Killeen, Tex.; Miss Georgia Goldsby, Gleason, Tenn.

REPORT No. 4.

Whereas the high cost of living has so reduced the purchasing power of the stipend of the deaconesses, your committee recommends that the stipend be raised twenty-five per cent.

MISS M. L. GIBSON, *Chairman*;

MRS. B. W. LIPSCOMB, *Secretary*.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE RELATION OF THE DEACONESS TO THE CHURCH.

REPORT No. 1.

This report is embodied in Item 2, Report No. 1, of the Committee on General Conference Legislation.

REPORT No. 2.

Your committee has given careful consideration to the request from the Deaconess and Home Mission Workers' Conference that a sabbatical year be given the deaconesses and home missionaries for rest and recuperation, as obtains for the foreign missionaries. Investigation has shown that a large majority of the foreign missionaries are impatient for a return to their fields of labor before the furlough year has elapsed. It has been exacted that they should remain at home a whole year, not for rest alone, but that they may have a period of infilling by attendance at Conference and other institutions of the Church, and that they may have the mental and spiritual inspiration that comes from addresses, missionary meetings as well as study, which is not possible on the foreign field. In addition, the sabbatical year is given that the foreign missionaries may not become denationalized.

We recognize the need of physical rest of the deaconesses and home missionaries, but we also recognize that it is possible for them to come in touch with these large educational movements, so that the necessity of keeping them abreast of the times and in relation to their families does not obtain as it does with the foreign missionary worker.

Therefore your committee recommends that a paragraph be added to the standing rules governing deaconess work and city missions which shall read:

"1. The deaconesses and home missionaries shall be given a period of rest not shorter than three months after seven years of consecutive work, with furlough salary."

MRS. R. W. MACDONELL, *Chairman*;

MRS. LUKE JOHNSON, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON CANDIDATES FOR DEACONESS AND MISSIONARY WORK.

The Committee on Candidates for Deaconess and Missionary Work of the Woman's Missionary Council recommends the acceptance of the following applicants and appointment to the fields named: Miss Mary

Alice Lamar, Texas Conference, to Brazil; Miss Pearl Olivia Hicks, East Oklahoma Conference, to Brazil; Miss Jessie Drew Gill, Alabama Conference, to Mexico; Miss Pauline Glass Randle, Louisiana Conference, to Korea; Miss Edna Lee Booker, Los Angeles Conference, to China.

We also recommend the acceptance of the following applicants for deaconess probationers: Miss Jennie Elah Cannon, Virginia Conference; Miss Dorothy Dodd, South Georgia Conference; Miss Gaye Hoke, Baltimore Conference; Miss Ida Jane Moore, North Alabama Conference; Miss Bethiah Reed, Holston Conference; Miss Mary Robinson, Texas Conference; Miss Georgia Allen Goldsbey, Memphis Conference.

MRS. E. B. CHAPPELL, *Chairman*;

MRS. H. A. DUNHAM, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN FIELDS AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

REPORT No. 1.

The recommendations from the President concerning the purchase of property for a high-grade school for girls in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and the enlargement of McTyeire High School, in Shanghai, China, were considered.

We therefore recommend that, owing to world conditions prevailing at the present time, action be deferred until such time as a change in these conditions makes the undertaking possible.

Whereas the furloughs of Miss Drake and Miss Peacock, of the Susan B. Wilson School, fall in the same year; and *whereas* it would be difficult to supply the places of both at one time—therefore be it

Resolved, That Miss Peacock be given her furlough one year in advance.

Whereas the appropriation for work in China does not include salary for Miss Margarita Park, who has been at home on an extended furlough; and *whereas* she is now ready to return to China, we recommend that her salary be paid from the Contingent Fund.

We recommend that Mrs. A. C. Bowen's request for permission to collect money from the South Carolina and Alabama Conferences for the building of a memorial at North Gate, Chang Chow, China, be not granted.

Whereas information from Miss Allene Pearce, of Korea, concerning health and family reasons for her return home was considered, we recommend that if the case becomes imperative she be allowed to return.

Whereas Miss Florence Barton, at home on extended furlough, desires to return to her work in Brazil, we recommend that her case be referred to the Executive Committee.

REPORT No. 2.

China.

MEDICAL COLLEGE.

Whereas the President of the Council in her annual message stressed the immediate establishment of the Union Medical College for Women in Shanghai, China, we therefore recommend that if other coöperating boards are not ready to proceed at once the Woman's Missionary Council take steps toward the establishment of said college.

BIBLE WOMEN AND SCHOLARSHIPS.

Whereas the handling of Bible women and scholarship funds is a source of confusion in Conference societies; therefore be it

Resolved, That in the future Bible women and scholarships be placed on the same basis as native teachers. In order to meet this change Conference pledges of 1919 when taken shall include an amount sufficient to cover existing specials supported by them.

Whereas the increased cost of living and high rate of exchange make it impossible for Bible women to live on a salary of \$60 (gold) a year; therefore be it

Resolved: 1. That the salary of Bible women on all our fields be \$120 a year.

2. That individuals or auxiliaries may unite in the support of a Bible woman.

To a resolution from the China annual meeting touching retired missionaries. We recommend nonconcurrence.

Letters from Dr. Tucker and Miss Howell, of Brazil, asking for an appropriation of \$600 for the salary of a teacher for the People's Central Institute, in Rio, were considered. We recommend that this matter be referred to the Executive Committee for action.

Mexico.

We recommend that when conditions in Mexico make it advisable the Executive Committee arrange for our missionaries to return and that the work be reorganized in conformity with the laws of the country.

REPORT No. 3.

Korea.

SEOUL.

A request from Carolina Institute, asking that they be allowed to purchase land for the future enlargement of the school with the unused portion of an appropriation made for electric lights was considered. We recommend that the Administrative Secretary be instructed to secure information about the land. That a diagram of the property be made and submitted to the Executive Committee for action.

WONSAN.

Whereas the action authorizing the erection of a coeducational school in Wonsan has not been carried out, it being deemed unwise thus to disregard the customs of the country; therefore be it

Resolved, That one primary building for girls be erected as soon as conditions make it possible.

Brazil.

A request from Brazil asking for an appropriation of \$150 to cover expense incurred by missionaries in language study during the first year of service was considered. We recommend concurrence.

REPORT No. 4.

The report of the Committee on Extension of Work in Brazil, dealing with various phases of work, was before us for consideration. No action was necessary regarding Item 1, because provision has already been made for the purchase of property and the speedy establishment of a high-grade school for girls in Rio. We recommend:

1. That the appointment of a second missionary for the People's Central Institute be referred to the Executive Committee for action.

2. That action regarding the purchase of property for a school in Porto Alegre be deferred until some future time.

3. That we desire to supply missionaries wherever needed, but because of lack of workers it is impossible to send one at this time to the Institutional Church at Porto Alegre.

4. That the Administrative Secretary investigate the need for a new wall at Bello Horizonte, and that the findings be submitted to the Executive Committee for action.

5. Inasmuch as one lot has been purchased at the Collegio Methodistista since the recommendations were made, we authorize the purchase of the second lot as soon as it can be secured.

We regret our inability to send another missionary at this time to Ribelrao Preto.

MRS. E. B. CHAPPELL, *Chairman*;

MRS. NAT G. ROLLINS, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON HOME FIELDS AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

REPORT No. 1.

Concerning Dormitories.

Your committee most heartily concurs in the call of the President of the Woman's Missionary Council for the establishment of hostels or dormitories under Christian supervision for Methodist students in State universities and normal schools. We recommend that such dormitories be established and that when they are enterprised it shall be with the concurrence of the Woman's Missionary Council in order that there may be uniformity in method and selection of location.

Concerning French Work.

Your committee recommends that a committee consisting of the President and the Home Administrative Secretary and the President and Corresponding Secretary of the Louisiana Conference be instructed to visit the French missions in Louisiana, to investigate the fields and plan for the work. If in their judgment a small industrial school is necessary for the development of this work, they shall be authorized to arrange for the same.

Concerning Hospitals.

Whereas the demand for trained nurses in the Wesley House districts constantly increases and the difficulty in securing trained nurses adapted to district work reveals the need of special preparation:

Your committee recommends that steps be taken to secure suitable plans for such a hospital, so that when the Centenary collections are received there will be no delay in the selection of location and the erection of the building.

Your committee further recommends that this hospital shall be known as the Maria Gibson Hospital.

Concerning Home Mission Institutional Work.

Your committee recommends the following appointments: Principal of Brevard Institute, Prof. C. H. Trowbridge; Principal of Sue Bennett School, Prof. A. W. Mohn; Principal of Holding Institute, Prof. J. M. Skinner; Principal of Vashti Industrial School, Prof. E. E. Bishop; Principal of Virginia Johnson School, Mrs. M. L. Stone; Principal of Nogales Mexican School, Miss May Treadwell; Superintendent's work, of Pacific Coast, Rev. William A. Acton and Mrs. Julia Bodley Acton; Port Missionary, Galveston, Rev. J. E. Reifschneider.

Concerning Paine College.

Whereas the attendance of girls at Paine College is rapidly increasing; and whereas more efficient supervision of the work of these girls is needed, your committee recommends the indorsement of the employment of a Southern white woman who shall be the dean of women and concur in the request of the President, that the Woman's Missionary Council shall bear half of the salary of this dean.

Concerning Nogales, Arizona.

Your committee recommends the immediate renting of the Masonic Hall, Nogales, Arizona, to be occupied by the Mexican school, which the Woman's Missionary Council is opening in Nogales.

Concerning the Mary Elizabeth Inn, San Francisco, Cal.

Your committee recommends concurrence with the Governing Board of the Mary Elizabeth Inn in the selection of Mrs. Emsley and Mrs.

L. M. Shook as the members of this Governing Board for the succeeding two years.

Concerning a School for Delinquents in Kentucky.

Your committee recommends nonconcurrence with the memorial from members of the Kentucky Conference, asking for the establishment of a home for delinquent girls.

Mrs. J. W. MILLS, *Chairman*;

Mrs. A. L. DOWDELL.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON HOME AND FOREIGN WORK.

REPORT No. 1.

Whereas the General Conference which convenes on May 2, 1918, marks the fortieth year since the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Church was organized, and thirty years since the organization of the Home Mission Society; and whereas many of the workers who have answered the command "Go ye." and have borne witness through long years of service for His name's sake, are now growing old and will not be able to bear the heavy burdens much longer; and whereas we should make it possible for them to have the comforts of life and be cared for when they can no longer have a salary; and whereas the Retirement and Relief Fund is wholly insufficient to meet the need—therefore we recommend:

That the Week of Prayer be made a memorial to our loved pioneers who are still with us, asking the society to make financial offerings to the Retirement and Relief Fund, that these dear children of God may want for no material comfort when they lay down the work to await His coming. We hope the Council will direct that this be done.

Whereas we deeply feel the need of more workers in the field and therefore a larger enrollment in Scarritt Bible and Training School; and whereas we feel that this must be done through the Conferences—therefore we recommend:

That we set as our goal for four years in each Conference one student from each Conference district and that the work be carried on by students and former students of the training school within the bounds of each Conference and by Conference and district officers and that expenses of travel and entertainment be borne by each Conference.

We further recommend that four field agents be employed for the summer months and that a campaign of advertisement be undertaken in the months of June and July and that an appropriation be made by the Council to cover these expenses.

REPORT No. 2.

Whereas a large number of deaconesses and missionaries attend the Council meeting each year; and whereas the deaconesses and mission-

aries are constantly attending annual and district meetings, also visiting local auxiliaries, besides having membership in the home Church auxiliaries; and whereas the deaconesses and missionaries are expected to be authority in the Council law regarding the Conference, district, and auxiliary—therefore we recommend:

1. That seating reservation be made for deaconesses and missionaries and the same be marked by a printed card.
2. That they have distinctive badges.
3. That the copies of printed reports given to the delegates be also given the deaconesses and missionaries.

Whereas the great aim of the Woman's Missionary Council is to reach those who might give their lives to service for the Master; and whereas the work of the Student Secretaries appointed by this Board last year was a beginning in the awakening of our young women to giving themselves for service; and whereas their work should be followed up in order to conserve that already accomplished—therefore we recommend:

1. That the office of Student Secretary be continued.
2. That a Candidate Secretary be appointed.

MRS. J. H. STEWART, *Chairman*;

MRS. F. N. PETERS, *Secretary*.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR FOREIGN FIELD FOR 1918.

BASIS OF APPROPRIATION.

Available for appropriation:

Dues	\$130,318 21
Pledge	143,533 39
Life members	535 74
Sundries	1,303 50
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	\$275,690 84

CHINA MISSION CONFERENCE.

Shanghai District.

Shanghai:

Salaries	\$ 8,990 00
Secretary's expenses	50 00
District contingent (and incidentals)	400 00
Repairs	200 00
McTyeire School, science equipment	500 00

Hongkew:

Rent	400 00
Day school	150 00
Kindergarten	150 00

Nantziang:

Day school	150 00
Taxes	50 00

Sungkiang:

Susan B. Wilson School: Running expenses	\$ 700 00
Kindergarten	200 00
Hayes-Wilkins Bible School: Running expenses	300 00
Piano	300 00
Sungkiang city schools (two)	200 00
Outstation work: Running expenses	500 00
Day schools	1,000 00

Total for Shanghai District\$ 14,240 00

*Soochow District.**Soochow:*

Salaries	\$ 20,680 00
Secretary's expenses	50 00
Repairs for district	200 00
Incidentals for district (and contingent)	400 00
District woman's work (outstation)	800 00
District day schools	600 00

West Soochow:

Davidson School: Running expenses (appropriation, \$500; Miss Sung's salary, \$450)	950 00
Kindergarten	300 00
City day schools	750 00
Woman's evangelistic work	150 00

Kong Hong:

M. L. Gibson Day School	300 00
Kindergarten	250 00
Woman's evangelistic work	300 00

East Soochow:

Laura Haygood School: Running expenses	700 00
Domestic science equipment	250 00
Normal School equipment	150 00
Practice school	300 00
Kindergarten Training School: Running expenses	600 00
Kindergartens (two, Senah Staley included)	300 00
Woman's work (St. John's Church)	100 00
Mary Black Hospital: Running expenses	1,000 00
Evangelistic work	100 00
Medical School: Running expenses	400 00
Nurse-Training School: Running expenses	300 00
Repairs	100 00

Changchow:

East Gate School: Rent	100 00
Running expenses	300 00
Woman's evangelistic work	300 00
Changchow Church, North Gate School: Running expenses	300 00

Rent	\$ 250 00
Woman's evangelistic work	250 00
Union work, Nanking: Nanking Bible School	400 00
Gingling College (salary and running expenses)	1,500 00
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Total for Soochow District	\$ 33,430 00

*Huchow District.**Huchow:*

Salaries	\$ 6,000 00
Secretary's expenses	50 00
District day schools	300 00
Itineration and special meetings	180 00
Rent for Bible woman's home	100 00
Taxes	40 00
Contingent fund (and incidentals)	260 00
Repairs	200 00
Memphis School: City day schools (three)	200 00
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Total for Huchow District	\$ 7,330 00
Total for China	\$ 56,500 00

KOREA MISSION.

Seoul:

Salaries	\$ 4,500 00
Carolina Institute: Running expenses	750 00
Salaries	1,650 00
Repairs	150 00
Incidentals	200 00
House furnishings	150 00
Land for playground and entrance to road	2,000 00
Evangelistic work: Printing	100 00
Taxes	100 00
Itinerating	350 00
Union Bible School	75 00
City day schools, primary (three)	600 00
Equipment for two city day schools (Mary Wikle and Water Gate)	200 00
Union Primary School (one, Yung Sin)	150 00
West Gate Day School land	1,500 00
Chulwon District: Country day schools (three)	500 00
Union community work for women in Seoul (building and equipment)	5,000 00
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Total for Seoul	\$ 17,975 00

Songdo:

Salaries	\$ 5,250 00
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Holston Institute: Teachers' salaries	\$ 1,336 00
Running expenses	1,300 00
Taxes	50 00
Branch day schools (three, salaries)	854 00
Wightman-Humbert Memorial Religious Building (running expenses)	300 00
Mary Helm School: Salaries	612 00
Running expenses	615 00
Evangelistic work: Joy Hardie Bible School	75 00
Itineration	500 00
Incidentals and taxes	200 00
Repairs	150 00
Ivey Hospital: Incidentals	40 00

Total for Songdo\$ 10,482 00

Wonsan:

Salaries	\$ 3,000 00
Lucy Cuninggim mixed primary school: Salaries and running expenses	1,000 00
City primary schools	375 00
Industrial school: Salaries	600 00
Running expenses	500 00
Raw material	500 00
Loan capital to students	500 00
Literary work	500 00
Evangelistic work: Alice Cobb Bible School	75 00
Itineration	500 00
District incidentals	150 00
Repairs	125 00
Taxes	80 00

Total for Wonsan\$ 7,905 00

Choon Chun:

Salaries	\$ 2,250 00
Evangelistic work and day schools: Itineration	500 00
Repairs	50 00
Taxes	40 00
Incidentals	150 00
Country day schools (five)	1,500 00

Total for Choon Chun\$ 4,490 00

Missionaries to be on furlough: salaries	\$ 2,250 00
One new educational missionary (salary, outfit, and travel)	1,000 00

Total for Korea\$ 44,902 00

JAPAN MISSION.

Kobe District.

Salaries	\$ 3,750 00
Lambuth Memorial Bible Training School: Running expenses	350 00
Salaries	1,662 00
Sunday school extension	84 00
Other extension (Bible school)	30 00
Itineration	60 00
Library	50 00
Ground rent for Bible school	470 00
Insurance, repairs, and taxes	150 00
District itineration for evangelistic missionary	100 00
Bible woman's conference	50 00
Kindergartens: Lambuth Memorial Kindergarten	100 00
Mikage Kindergarten	108 00
Kyoto Kindergarten: Teacher	148 00
Rent	240 00
Osaka Kindergarten: Teacher	148 00
Rent	240 00
Personal taxes	125 00
Eleven Bible women, rent	180 00
Eleven Bible women, itineration	260 00
Total for Kobe District	\$ 8,305 00

Hiroshima District.

Kure Kindergarten: Salary	\$ 120 00
Incidentals	30 00
Okayama Kindergarten: Salary	102 00
Equipment and incidentals	50 00
Tokuyama Kindergarten: Salary	102 00
Equipment and incidentals	50 00
Nine Bible women, rent	162 00
Nine Bible women, itineration	220 00
(Last year ten Bible women in district. \$415.)	
Total for Hiroshima District	\$ 836 00

Matsuyama District.

Salaries	\$ 1,500 00
Oita: Personal taxes	60 00
Oita Kindergarten, for two teachers	200 00
Beppu Kindergarten, for one teacher and helper	150 00
Yoshida Kindergarten	90 00
Matsuyama Kindergarten	90 00
Uwajima Kindergarten, teacher and incidentals	140 00
Gotoji Kindergarten	120 00
Tracts and itineration for six Bible women	180 00

Village evangelization	\$ 138 00
Itineration	200 00
Taxes	25 00
Repairs and insurance	50 00
District Workers' Institute	10 00
Sunday school and village evangelization: Kantan.....	60 00
Sendo Machi	12 00
East Oita	12 00
Hagiwara	12 00
Tsurusaki	12 00
Sunday school superintendent and chapel repairs.....	30 00
Total for Matsuyama District	\$ 3,091 00
Total for Japan	\$ 12,232 00

BRAZIL MISSION.

Rio de Janeiro:

Salary	\$ 900 00
City day school work: Woman's evangelistic work and Bible woman	150 00
New property (conditional)	15,000 00

Piracicaba:

Salaries	5,990 00
Incidentals	200 00
Taxes	120 00
Housekeeper's salary	300 00

Petropolis:

Salaries	4,490 00
Secretary's expenses	200 00
Moving missionaries	300 00

Sao Paulo:

Salary	750 00
Evangelistic help	375 00
Woman's evangelistic work and car fare	115 00
Room rent	225 00

Ribeirao Preto:

Salaries	3,000 00
Teacher's salary	1,000 00
Cost of lots (conditional)	6,000 00
One new missionary (salary, outfit, and travel)	1,000 00

Bello Horizonte:

Salaries	3,600 00
Housekeeper's salary	300 00
Incidentals	200 00
Taxes	100 00
Garden wall	200 00
One new missionary (salary, outfit, and travel)	1,000 00

Total for Brazil Mission\$ 44,515 00

SOUTH BRAZIL MISSION.

Porto Alegre:

Salaries	\$ 2,250 00
Teacher's salary	1,000 00
House rent	1,000 00
Incidentals	250 00
Insurance	25 00
Institutional Church: Day school special	500 00
New missionary for Institutional Church (salary, outfit, and travel)	1,000 00
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Total for Porto Alegre	\$ 6,025 00
Total for Brazil	\$ 50,540 00

CUBA MISSION.

Cienfuegos:

Salaries	\$ 2,960 00
(Last year three teachers, \$2,220.)	
Native teachers' salaries	1,400 00
Taxes	50 00
Incidentals	150 00
Furniture and kindergarten material	200 00

Matanzas:

Salaries	3,500 00
Teachers' salaries (Cuban)	2,000 00
Matron	300 00
Taxes	90 00
Incidentals	200 00
Advertising	150 00
Telephone	60 00
Auto bus (\$1,600, less sale of wagonette and mules)	1,400 00
To pay off censo on property	1,600 00
Equipment for last two years of high school	350 00
Remodeling row of back rooms for hospital or music rooms	2,000 00
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Total for Cuba	\$ 17,910 00

MEXICO.

Saltillo:

Salary	\$ 750 00
Servant	180 00
Lights and telephone	80 00
Incidentals	40 00

Guadalajara:

Taxes	345 00
Servant (mozo)	240 00

San Luis Potosi:

Taxes	85 00
Miss Prieto's salary	360 00

Chihuahua:

Servant (mozo)	\$ 180 00
Taxes	60 00
For missionaries' salaries in Mexico.....	7,500 00
For contingent to be distributed by Executive Committee..	18,00 00
Total for Mexico	\$ 31,986 00

AFRICA.

Wembo-Ndama:

Salaries	\$ 2,250 00
Conditional	5,000 00
Total for Africa	\$ 7,250 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Retirement pension	\$ 2,000 00
Travel of missionaries on furlough	5,000 00
Membership dues, Federation of Woman's Foreign Mission Boards of North America	100 00
Literature, Federation of Woman's Foreign Mission Boards of North America	150 00
Scarritt Bible and Training School	6,000 00
Belle Bennett chair	1,000 00
Coöperation in Latin America	1,080 00
Christian literature: Japan	250 00
China	250 00
Korea	150 00
Latin America	350 00
Total miscellaneous	\$ 16,330 00

SUMMARY.

China	\$ 56,500 00
Japan	12,232 00
Korea	44,902 00
Brazil	50,540 00
Cuba	17,910 00
Mexico	31,986 00
Africa	7,250 00
Retirement	2,000 00
Travel of missionaries on furlough.....	5,000 00
Scarritt Bible and Training School.....	7,000 00
Coöperation in Latin America.....	1,080 00
Federation of Women's Boards.....	250 00
Christian literature	1,000 00
Cost of administration.....	24,700 00
Contingent	13,784 00
Total	\$276,134 00

APPROPRIATIONS FOR HOME FIELD, 1918.

BASIS OF APPROPRIATION.

Dues	\$ 86,878 69
Pledges	95,678 84
Life members	357 16
Interest	2,400 00
Total	\$185,314 69

MOUNTAIN WORK.

Sue Bennett Memorial School, London, Ky.

Salaries	\$ 10,000 00
Repairs	1,500 00
Janitors	1,000 00
Incidentals	2,500 00
Contingent	1,000 00
Summer canvass and advertisement.....	500 00
Light, power, and fuel	1,500 00
Insurance	300 00
	\$ 18,300 00
Less fees	5,500 00
Total	\$ 12,800 00

Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C.

Salaries	\$ 9,559 89
Repairs	1,300 00
Summer expense and incidentals	950 00
Advertising	400 00
Heat and light	1,100 00
Special	300 00
Contingent and canvass	700 00
	\$ 14,809 89
Less fees	3,500 00
Total	\$ 11,310 00
Total for Mountain Work	\$ 24,110 00

MEXICAN WORK.

Holding Institute, Laredo, Tex.

Rent	\$ 300 00
Salaries	12,000 00
Repairs	500 00
Incidentals	1,200 00
Janitors	850 00

Advertising and catalogues	\$ 300 00
Septic tank	1,200 00
Heat and light	350 00
Emergency	500 00
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	\$ 17,200 00
Less fees	1,200 00
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Total	\$ 16,000 00

Homer Toberman Wesley House and Clinic, Los Angeles, Cal.

Salaries and rent	\$ 3,000 00
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Wesley House, San Antonio, Tex.

Salaries	\$ 1,940 00
Household	300 00
Furnishings	200 00
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Total	\$ 2,440 00

Nogales, Arizona (New Work).

Rents	\$ 900 00
Salaries and household	3,000 00
Furniture	1,100 00
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Total	\$ 5,000 00
Total for Mexican Work	\$ 26,440 00

GULF COAST WORK.

Wesley House, Biloxi, Miss.

Salaries	\$ 1,560 00
Household	240 00
Janitor	60 00
Sundries	100 00
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Total	\$ 1,960 00

Gulfport, Miss.

Work among camps	\$ 720 00
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St. Mark's Hall and Mary Werlein Mission, New Orleans, La.

Salaries	\$ 2,400 00
Rents	600 00
Mary Werlein Mission	360 00
Conference appropriation	600 00
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Total	\$ 3,960 00

French Work, Houma, La.

Salaries	\$ 1,800 00
Incidentals	200 00
Household	240 00
Furniture	300 00
Total	\$ 2,540 00

Immigration Work, Galveston, Tex.

Salary	\$ 1,500 00
Rents	300 00
Office and incidentals	100 00
Total	\$ 1,900 00
Total for Gulf Coast Work	\$ 11,080 00

FLORIDA COAST.

Wolff Mission, Ybor City, Tampa, Fla.

Salaries	\$ 2,000 00
Household	420 00
Repairs	100 00
Additional buildings	500 00
Incidentals	480 00
Total	\$ 3,500 00

Ruth Hargrove Settlement, Key West, Fla.

Settlement Work	\$ 3,000 00
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Wesley House, West Tampa, Fla.

Salaries	\$ 2,000 00
Household	420 00
Incidentals	150 00
Supplies	125 00
Furnishings and building	5,000 00
Total	\$ 7,695 00
Total for Florida Coast Work	\$ 14,195 00

DEPENDENT GIRLS.

Vashti Industrial School, Thomasville, Ga.

Salaries	\$ 4,500 00
Food supplies	7,600 00
Clothing supplies	3,800 00
Repairs and plumbing	3,500 00
Insurance	90 00

Incidentals	\$ 300 00
Janitor	500 00
Fuel	400 00
Light and power	360 00
Advertising and catalogues	100 00
Emergency	500 00
Special	350 00
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	\$ 22,000 00
Less estimate outside collections, etc.	11,000 00
Total	<hr/>
	\$ 11,000 00

DELINQUENT GIRLS.

Virginia K. Johnson Home and School, Dallas, Tex.

Salaries	\$ 3,030 00
Scholarships and board	3,000 00
Feed, live stock, etc.	680 00
Repairs	650 00
Incidentals	702 00
Janitor	750 00
Fuel, engineer, water, etc.	2,140 00
Doctor and nurse	600 00
Hospital account	450 00
Financial agent	300 00
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	\$ 12,283 33
Less other collections and balance	2,900 00
Total	<hr/>
	\$ 9,383 33

Door of Hope, Macon, Ga.

Current expenses	\$ 1,700 00
Total for Delinquent Girls	<hr/>
	\$ 11,083 33

WORK AMONG MINERS.

COAL FIELDS.

Welch, W. Va.

Salaries and travel	\$ 850 00
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Kimball, W. Va.

Salaries and travel	850 00
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Thurber, Tex.

Salaries and household	1,840 00
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McAlester District, Hartshorne, Okla.

Salaries and household	1,840 00
Total for Work among Miners	<hr/>
	\$ 5,380 00

NEGRO WORK.

Paine College Annex, Augusta, Ga.

Salaries	\$ 2,000 00
Light, heat, and incidentals	2,300 00
Repairs	1,000 00
Current expenses	1,000 00
Total	\$ 6,300 00

Bethlehem House, Augusta, Ga.

Salaries	\$ 1,800 00
Rents and repairs	100 00
Janitor	90 00
Household	240 00
Incidentals	300 00
Total	\$ 2,530 00

Bethlehem House, Nashville, Tenn.

Salaries	\$ 2,200 00
Household	416 00
Rents	480 00
Incidentals	100 00
Total	\$ 3,196 00
Total for Negro Work	\$ 12,026 00

PACIFIC COAST WORK.

ORIENTAL WORK.

San Francisco (Korean).

Rent and care of Korean Mission	\$ 690 00
Salary and travel of Korean pastor	600 00
Salary and travel of Korean evangelist	600 00
Allowance for the Dendo Dan (Japanese)	200 00
Rent of headquarters	120 00
Total	\$ 2,210 00

Oakland, Japanese Mission.

Rent and care	\$ 450 00
Salary of pastor	600 00
Kindergarten	360 00
Total	\$ 1,410 00

Alameda, Cal. (Japanese).

Salary of pastor	\$ 600 00
Night school	360 00
English teacher	360 00
Kindergartner	360 00
Care of Mary Helm Hall	300 00
Salary and travel of superintendent	1,500 00
Taxes, insurance, and incidentals	400 00
Salary and travel of Japanese evangelist	600 00
Painting and repairs	600 00
Rent, Walnut Grove	300 00
Total	\$ 5,380 00

Dinuba.

Salary of Japanese pastor	\$ 600 00
Rent	400 00
Total	\$ 1,000 00
Total for Oriental Work	\$ 10,000 00

ENGLISH-SPEAKING WORK.

Wesley House, San Francisco, Cal.

Salary of deaconess	\$ 600 00
Building	6,000 00
Total	\$ 6,600 00
Total for Pacific Coast Work	\$ 16,000 00

SCARRITT BIBLE AND TRAINING SCHOOL.

Florine McEachern Chair	\$ 1,000 00
Current expenses	5,500 00
Advertising	500 00
Total	\$ 7,000 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Deaconess work	\$ 3,600 00
Coöperative Home, Corinth, Miss.	600 00
Denton Dormitory	1,500 00
Wesley House, Fort Worth, Tex.	900 00
Ferrum Training School	500 00
Wesley House, San Francisco, Cal.	400 00
Contingent	9,145 73
Relief	600 00
Total	\$ 17,245 73

CITY MISSIONS.

	Recommended.
Atlanta, Ga.	\$ 2,496 92
Augusta, Ga.	311 70
Baltimore, Md.	72 58
Birmingham, Ala.	377 34
Dallas, Tex.	323 98
Danville, Va.	145 92
Fort Worth, Tex.	135 52
Griffin, Ga.	68 72
Houston, Tex.	85 43
Kansas City, Mo.	1,467 81
Knoxville, Tenn.	255 29
Lexington, Ky.	118 29
Louisville, Ky.	241 72
Macon, Ga.	414 46
Memphis, Tenn.	194 10
Meridian, Miss.	145 00
Mobile, Ala.	204 88
Montgomery, Ala.	171 64
Murfreesboro, Tenn.	122 49
Nashville, Tenn.	220 46
New Orleans, La.	169 04
Orangeburg, S. C.	100 78
Richmond, Va.	152 62
San Francisco, Cal.	138 09
Savannah, Ga.	88 50
Spartanburg, S. C.	153 40
St. Joseph, Mo.	346 66
St. Louis, Mo.	751 98
Total	\$ 7,586 34

RECAPITULATION.

Mountain Work	\$ 24,110 00
Mexican Work	26,440 00
Gulf Coast	11,080 00
Florida Coast	14,195 00
Dependent Girls	11,000 00
Delinquent Girls	11,083 33
Work among Miners	5,330 00
Negro Work	12,026 00
Pacific Coast	16,600 00
Scarritt Bible and Training School	7,000 00
Miscellaneous	17,245 73
Administration	24,700 00
City Missions	7,586 34
Total	\$188,506 40

JOINT HOME AND FOREIGN APPROPRIATIONS.

ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES.

Literature	\$10,000 00
Office expense of President.....	1,000 00
Salary of Treasurer.....	1,800 00
Office expense of Treasurer.....	200 00
Salary of four Administrative Secretaries.....	7,200 00
Office expenses of four Administrative Secretaries.....	2,400 00
Salary of Educational Secretary.....	1,800 00
Office and traveling expenses of Educational Secretary.....	800 00
Salary of Home Base Secretary.....	1,800 00
Office expense of Home Base Secretary.....	600 00
Postage for mailing literature.....	1,200 00
Clerical help.....	6,000 00
Office expense of Vice President.....	200 00
Remuneration and office expense of Superintendent of Young People	600 00
Remuneration and office expense of Superintendent of Children	600 00
Traveling expense of Superintendent of Young People.....	500 00
Traveling expense of Superintendent of Children.....	500 00
Office expense of Superintendent of Supplies.....	100 00
Expense of Council, Board, and committee meetings.....	6,000 00
Office expense of Recording Secretary.....	200 00
Salary of editor of <i>Voice</i>	600 00
Office expense of editor of <i>Voice</i>	100 00
Salary of editor of <i>Young Christian Worker</i> , leaflets, etc....	1,200 00
Office expense of editor of <i>Young Christian Worker</i> , leaflets, etc.	500 00
Salaries of two Student Secretaries.....	1,500 00
Travel of Student Secretaries.....	2,000 00
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	\$49,400 00

STANDING COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

The *ad interim* meeting of the Committee on Literature was held in the Publishing House at Nashville, Tenn., May 18 and 19. The following members were present: Mrs. Cobb, Mrs. Steele, Mrs. MacDonell, Mrs. Albright, Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Lipscomb, Miss Head, and Miss Howell. Miss Haskin was present by invitation of the committee.

The yearbooks for adults, young people, and children were outlined, and all literature authorized for carrying out the programs was provided for. Programs and literature for the Week of Prayer were also planned.

MRS. H. R. STEELE, *Chairman*;

MRS. B. W. LIPSCOMB, *Secretary*.

SESSIONS COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

REPORT No. 1.

We, your Sessions Committee on Literature, recommend the indorsement of the policy of the Educational Secretary as follows:

Mission Study Course, 1918-19.

Theme: "Christianity and the World Workers."

Adult: "Working Women of the Orient," by Margaret Burton; "The Path of Labor," by Willard Price.

Senior Young People: "The Gospel of a Working World," by Harry Ward; "Ancient Peoples at New Tasks," by Willard Price.

Intermediates: "Making Life Count," by Eugene C. Foster.

Junior: "Jack and Janet in the Philippines," by Norma Waterbury Thomas; "Jack-of-All-Trades," by Margaret Applegarth.

Bible Study Course, 1918-22.

Adult: "The Meaning of Prayer," by Harry Emerson Fosdick; "The Meaning of Faith," by Harry Emerson Fosdick; "The Mind of the Messiah," by Charlotte H. Adams; "John the Greatest Book in the World," by Robert E. Speer.

Young People: "Modern Discipleship," by Edward S. Woods; "The Parables of Jesus," by Elbert Russell; "A Life at Its Best," by Richard H. Edwards and Ethel Cutler; "Life of Jesus," by Harris Franklin Ball.

Intermediates: "Thirty Days with Jesus," by Bosworth.

REPORT No. 2.

[*Note.*—Item 1 referred to Committee on By-Laws, Item 2 stricken out.]

REPORT No. 3.

The recommendation of the Committee on Literature was reversed and the following memorial from the Administrative Secretaries granted by the Council:

Whereas the promotion of the work of the departments often calls for special literature which has not been authorized by the Council in annual session or by the Committee on Literature at its *ad interim* meeting; we therefore recommend that the Department Secretaries, in consultation with the Educational Secretary, shall be authorized to issue printed matter which may be necessary for the prosecution of the work.

MRS. H. R. STEELE, *Chairman*;

MRS. W. L. REED, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON HOME BASE.

Whereas the Church is facing a great crisis, calling for the coöperation of the whole Church and for the cultivation of all its spiritual resources; and whereas the Woman's Missionary Society is an or-

ganized agency through which the womanhood of the Church may be reached with this cultivation—your committee recommends:

1. That prayer leagues be formed in every auxiliary and that an earnest effort be made to enlist every woman of the Church in these leagues, praying for the nations at war, that a righteous peace may come; for our own nation, that she may steadfastly maintain those high ideals with which she entered the conflict; for those who have made such tremendous sacrifice in the gift of their loved ones; for the great non-Christian world; for those already at work there; for the thrusting forth of more laborers into the harvest.

2. That we seek to bring to the womanhood of the Church a new and enlarged conception of stewardship.

3. That a minimum ten per cent increase in finances and membership and a minimum five per cent net increase in organizations be the goal for the year.

4. That district secretaries present the work of the Woman's Missionary Society in all Churches having no organizations and that where it is impossible to organize, prayer leagues be formed and an offering secured for the work.

5. That authorization be given for such literature as may be necessary for promotion and cultivation.

6. That the sets of pictures of the home and foreign work and workers be revised and brought up to date and that medium-sized, inexpensive maps of our fields be prepared for sale.

7. That every auxiliary be urged to adopt and coöperate in the plans of the Centenary Movement as sent out by the commission and that the stewardship literature issued by the commission be used for the presentation of stewardship in the auxiliary meetings for the remainder of the year.

MRS. J. W. DOWNS, *Chairman*;

MRS. LEE BRITT, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

REPORT No. 1.

Your committee recommends:

1. That the first part of Item 2 of Report No. 1 on Young People's work, page 188, Annual Report, 1917, which reads, "That the work of the Young People's Missionary Society be emphasized in the district meetings by giving the young people and their work a place on the program," be made a standing rule.

2. That the young people take as their goal of advance for 1918 a minimum increase of ten per cent in organizations and membership.

3. That the young people assume the responsibility of raising as their share of the Council work for 1919 the sum of \$40,000, this fund to be used for the work in Brazil and the Mexican work in the homeland.

4. Whereas we believe that Item 4 of the Standing Rules on Young People's Work, page 408, Annual Report, 1917, as follows, "Good Fri-

day shall be set apart as a day of special prayer for volunteers for both the home and foreign fields," has not been generally observed; and whereas now as never before the call comes to us for young lives dedicated to definite Christian service—we recommend that particular stress be laid upon this observance of Good Friday and that a special program be provided for use on that day.

5. Whereas the work among the young people is suffering materially for lack of trained leadership in the auxiliaries; we recommend that the Superintendent of Young People's Work, with the assistance of the Standing Committee on Literature, be requested to prepare a Manual of Methods and plans of work among young people to be used throughout the Conferences.

6. Whereas a closer relation between the college students and the women of their respective Conferences is greatly to be desired; and whereas the volunteers for definite Christian service will be encouraged and helped by a more vital interest in them on the part of the Conference officers—we recommend that the Conference President, First Vice President, and Corresponding Secretary constitute a committee whose duty it shall be to keep in touch with the Methodist College students within the bounds of their respective Conferences; that a list of the volunteers in these colleges shall be furnished this committee, and that they shall pray for them daily by name.

REPORT No. 2.

1. Whereas the conditions created by the great world war are causing many young women to enter into activities formerly engaging the young men of our nation, thereby placing a great responsibility upon the Christian women in safeguarding them, we recommend that the First Vice Presidents of the auxiliaries list the young women leaving their communities and send the names to the First Vice President of the missionary auxiliary in the community to which they go, that they may have a Christian welcome and the helpful association which the Church alone can give.

2. Whereas our Church has launched a great Centenary Missionary Movement, we recommend that the young people heartily coöperate in this celebration and pledge themselves to assume their share of the responsibility in this great campaign.

MRS. J. W. PERRY, *Chairman*;
EMMA V. PEPLER, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN'S WORK.

REPORT No. 1.

We recommend:

1. That auxiliary Second Vice Presidents coöperate with other organizations of the Church in promoting missionary education and activity among the children.

2. That a full presentation of the children's work be made at annual and district meetings.

3. That provision be made by the Committee on Literature for quarterly programs for mothers' meetings and mite box openings, Promotion Day programs, and certificates from the Junior Division to the Young People.

4. That an effort be made by auxiliary Second Vice Presidents to establish missionary libraries and curio cabinets for the use of the children in their missionary studies.

5. That the children be given a definite part in the Missionary Centenary celebration.

6. That the support of kindergartens in the home and foreign fields be assigned to the Baby Division for 1919.

7. That the support of Japanese work in the home and foreign fields be assigned to the Junior Division for 1919.

8. That the memorial from the North Carolina Conference asking to take \$1,000 for the Mary Black Hospital on the station plan be granted for 1919.

9. That \$30,000 be made the Children's Council pledge for 1919.

10. The following shall be made a standing rule: That members of the Council at large give the pledges of the children separately from those of the Adult and Young People's Societies.

REPORT No. 2.

Whereas the *Young Christian Worker* is the only missionary publication for our children; and whereas this ably edited magazine will be an invaluable aid in reaching the child life of the Church in the great Missionary Centenary celebration—we recommend

1. That auxiliary Second Vice Presidents make definite plans for placing the *Young Christian Worker* in every Methodist home where there is a child. To this end a vigorous campaign should be carried on by the Second Vice President in coöperation with committees from Adult Auxiliaries, and wherever possible with Junior and Primary superintendents of Sunday schools or teachers in these departments.

2. We also recommend that the goal for the coming year be 30,000 subscribers, this number to be apportioned to the Conferences by the editor and Council Superintendent of Children's Work, and that each Conference be urged to meet its specific, definite goal.

MISS DAISY DAVIES, *Chairman*;

MRS. P. C. ARCHER, *Secretary*.

SESSIONS COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICE.

REPORT No. 1.

1. We recommend that the topic for study and investigation for Adult Auxiliaries during 1919 be "Making Democracy Safe," the topic to be subdivided as follows:

First Quarter: "Making Democracy Safe Politically."

Second Quarter: "Making Democracy Safe Industrially."

Third Quarter: "Making Democracy Safe Socially."

Fourth Quarter: "Making Democracy Safe Religiously."

2. We recommend that the social service work for young people be conducted by quarterly studies, the same to be developed in the *Voice* and in the quarterly leaflet, and that the plan of having questionnaires for young people be given up.

3. We recommend that the topic for study and investigation for Young People during the year 1919 be "The New Crusade—Saving Democracy." We further recommend that the quarterly studies be developed in pageant form.

4. We recommend that the topic of study for the Juniors during 1919 be "Making the World Safe," and that the subject be developed and subdivided as follows: (1) "How the Doctors Are Making the World Safe," (2) "How the Nurses Are Making the World Safe," (3) "How the Deaconesses Are Making the World Safe," and (4) "How Foreign Missionaries Are Making the World Safe." We further recommend that these subjects be developed in the *Young Christian Worker*.

REPORT No. 2.

Social Reform.

Whereas intemperance will destroy our real democracy for which our boys are laying down their lives; and whereas the desperate need for grain and coal has restricted their use in our own homes—therefore be it

Resolved, That the following resolution be adopted, signed, and sent to the President of the United States and to Congress assembled: "The Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, now in session in Knoxville, Tenn., and representing 200,000 women, urges the immediate passage of a bill prohibiting the manufacture of beer during the war."

MRS. R. L. HOBBS, *Chairman*;

LOUISE DUNSTON, *Secretary*.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICE.

The committee appointed at the last session of the Woman's Missionary Council to take under consideration the social service work of the Council with a view to preparing a plan of work for use during the coming quadrennium, submits the following recommendations regarding social service work:

1. We recommend that By-Law No. 20, page 397, on "Standing Committees," be amended by striking out "Committee on Social Service."

2. That By-Law No. 13, page 399, of Conference Societies be made uniform in wording with the Social Service By-Law for Adult Auxiliaries, so that it shall read: "The Superintendent of Social Service shall stimulate and direct the study and investigation of social questions

and shall seek to bring about social reforms. She shall report quarterly to the Council Secretary of Social Service."

3. That By-Law No. 7, page 404, of Young People's Auxiliaries be amended by omitting the words "wherever possible." Otherwise the article is to be retained as it stands, to read: "The Superintendent of Social Service shall have charge of social service studies issued by the Council. She shall cooperate in the social service movements of her Church and community. She shall report quarterly on the first day of January, April, July, and October to the Conference Superintendent of Social Service."

4. That By-Law No. 7, page 406, of Children's Auxiliaries be amended by omitting the words "In directing the children," so that the article shall read: "The Superintendent of Social Service shall assist in carrying out such lines of social service study and activity as are set out by the Council."

5. Whereas there exist two distinct types of social service work, one the ministry to the threefold nature of man and the other the applications of the teachings of Jesus to the collective and associated life of men; and whereas the Bureau of Social Service of the Woman's Missionary Council was founded upon the second of these two types and is so expressed in the by-law creating the bureau—therefore we further urge that we reaffirm the limitation of the scope as already set forth in the by-law and that the work of the Bureau of Social Service be made to strictly conform in all of its printed literature, reports, and activities to the scope as stated in the by-law.

6. Whereas the plan of social service work as outlined for Adult Auxiliaries has not proved adequate to meet the needs of the young people—therefore be it

Resolved, That the Bureau of Social Service formulate an entirely new social service program for young people that shall be especially adapted to meet their need.

7. Whereas in the development of the social service work the necessity has been revealed of the need of definite guidance for auxiliaries in the study of their community problems; and whereas such guidance to be made available for all and effective must be based upon actual concrete study of different types of communities—city, town, and rural—therefore we recommend that the Secretary of the Bureau of Social Service be asked to make investigation of different types of communities and to prepare, based thereon, programs of social reform as a guide to auxiliaries in their work.

MABEL K. HOWELL, *Chairman*;

MRS. F. F. STEPHENS, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON GENERAL CONFERENCE LEGISLATION.

REPORT No. 1.

To the Woman's Missionary Council in Session at Knoxville, Tenn.

Your committee appointed at the last annual session to consider and

take action on necessary General Conference legislation has endeavored to fulfill the duties assigned by you. Preliminary to any action by the committee the Chairman sent a letter to the President and Secretary of every Conference Society asking for memorials and suggestions. Thirty answers were received in time for consideration, four came too late, and forty-six were not heard from. The committee met in Nashville, Tenn., in November, holding meetings from November 10 to 14, 1917. In accordance with instructions, the action of the committee was presented before the mid-year meeting of the Executive Committee for discussion.

A second called meeting was held in Kansas City, Mo., on February 1, 1918, subsequent to the annual meeting of the Board of Managers. There the report drafted at Nashville and discussed at the mid-year meeting was reviewed, and a few amendments were made. That report we now present to you for final action and hope that it will receive your official approval.

MISS M. L. GIBSON, *Chairman*;

MRS. F. F. STEPHENS, *Secretary*.

1. Whereas the Woman's Missionary Council now has in more than half of all the States and Conferences in which the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is at work, and in seven non-Christian lands (China, Korea, Japan, Africa, Brazil, Mexico, and Cuba) large educational plants and many other forms of institutional and evangelistic work for Christianizing and building up the neglected and Godless people of our own land; and whereas this ever-enlarging work requires a constantly increasing number of well-equipped women, who can be secured and trained only through the Woman's Missionary Societies and who must be maintained and their work developed by the free-will offerings of their fellow workers in the auxiliaries, whose interest and liberality must be wisely and unceasingly stimulated and increased; and whereas the responsibility and burden of administering this great work ordained of God falls upon the Administrative Secretaries—we recommend that the Council elect four Administrative Secretaries whose departments of work shall be as follows: One shall have charge of the Oriental fields, one shall have charge of Latin-American fields and African fields, one shall have charge of Deaconess and City Mission Work, one shall have supervision of home mission educational institutions and social service. In order to gain authorization for these four secretaries, we memorialize the General Conference to amend Article 2 of the Constitution of the Board of Missions by inserting the words "or more" between the word "two" and the words "Secretaries of the Department of Foreign Missions," so that the phrase shall read "two or more Secretaries for the Department of Foreign Missions," and the words "or more" between the word "two" and the words "Secretaries of the Department of Home Missions," so that the phrase shall read "two or more Secretaries for the Department of Home Missions," and to further amend Article 2 by inserting the

words "or more" between the word "one" and the words "of these," so that the clause in parentheses shall read "(one or more of these secretaries in each instance shall be a woman)."

2. Whereas in the unification of the missionary boards of the Church the paragraph defining the office and work of the deaconess was omitted from the Discipline; and whereas the restoration of the disciplinary law governing the work and office of deaconess is necessary—we recommend that the following be added to Article 29 of the Constitution of the Board of Missions, Chapter XIII., to be known as Paragraph 425d: "The office of deaconess is hereby created in connection with the Woman's Missionary Council. A deaconess shall be a single woman or a widow, not less than twenty-three years of age, nor more than fifty, when accepted for service. She must be a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in good standing, and must have shown a fitness for this work by active service in some line of Christian work. She must have good health, must have a high-school education and two years of college work or its equivalent. No person shall be consecrated to the office of deaconess without having successfully completed a prescribed course of study in an accredited Bible training school and having served a probation of two years of continuous service. She shall be recommended for consecration by the Quarterly Conference. She shall wear the uniform prescribed by the Council. The duties of the deaconess shall be to engage in Christian social service, and, relinquishing all other pursuits, she shall devote herself to such work as the Church may determine. No vows of lifelong service shall be exacted of a deaconess, but any woman applying for a recommendation from a Quarterly Conference shall have considered the step carefully and shall believe herself called of God to this work. A deaconess desiring to retire from the work shall be permitted to do so at the close of her term of appointment, when she shall surrender her certificate and cease to wear the uniform. If found unsuited to the work and calling of a deaconess, she shall be retired and her certificate revoked. While engaged in this voluntary service, suitable support shall be provided, covering a monthly stipend and living expenses."

3. We recommend the election of a Vice President at large for the coming quadrennium. We further recommend that we memorialize the General Conference to amend Article 29 of the Constitution of the Board of Missions by changing the word "two" to the words "one or more" before the words "Vice Presidents," so that the opening sentences of the paragraph shall read: "There shall be a delegated body to be known as the Woman's Missionary Council. It shall be composed of a President, one or more Vice Presidents, two or more Secretaries," etc.

4. We further recommend that the President of the Woman's Missionary Council be asked to present the foregoing recommendations to the Board of Missions in annual session of 1918, asking for the indorsement of that body.

REPORT No. 2.

The committee offers the following recommendation:

1. Amend Article 29, Paragraph 1, by inserting after the words "Annual Conference Society" the words "the President and Secretary of the Deaconess Workers' Conference," so that the paragraph shall read: "It shall be composed of a President, a Vice President, two or more Secretaries, a Treasurer, Superintendents of Bureaus, the Corresponding Secretary or alternate and the President or alternate of each Annual Conference Society, and the President and Secretary of the Deaconess Workers' Conference."

2. Your committee has considered the appeal of the women of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church to the officers and members of the Woman's Missionary Council to send a resolution to the General Conference of their Church asking that body to grant them the privilege of organizing an independent missionary society and a Woman's Board of Missions.

The memorial of our colored sisters brought memories of our own beginnings and, with gratitude to God for his manifold mercies and marvelous blessing, we present the following recommendation: "The memorial to be presented to the General Conference of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church by the women of that Church has our hearty, sympathetic approbation. Reminded of our own memorial presented to our own General Conference forty years ago and the convictions and strivings of heart that preceded it, and grateful to God, who blessed our effort then and who has given our work such marvelous growth and success, we, the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, indorse their petition, assured that if granted by the General Conference such an organization of women will develop its members in mind and spirit and will increase their loyalty to God and to the Church; their recognition of their responsibility, instead of diminishing their contributions to the Church finances, will increase their sense of obligation as members of the Church of Christ.

Respectfully submitted.

MISS M. L. GIBSON, *Chairman*;

MRS. F. F. STEPHENS, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

REPORT No. 1.

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws met in Nashville March 6 and 7 and considered all changes submitted. The report, including the proposed amendments, together with the recommendations of the committee, was submitted to the members of the Council.

[Note: Page numbers refer to the Annual Report of the Council for 1917.]

By-Laws of the Woman's Missionary Council, page 391.

1. The committee recommends that By-Law 1 be amended by striking

out the last two sentences, so that the paragraph when amended shall read: "The President shall preside at the sessions and shall actively advance the interests of the Woman's Missionary Council."

2. To the recommendation from the Executive Committee of the Council that By-Law 2 be stricken out and that a new by-law be inserted as follows, "The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President; she shall actively advance the interests of the Woman's Missionary Council," the committee recommends concurrence.

3. Touching the recommendation from the Session Committee on Young People's Work passed by the Council in annual session in April, 1917, Annual Report, page 189, the committee recommends the insertion of two new by-laws, to be numbered 8 and 9, which shall read as follows:

(8) The Superintendent of Young People's Work shall develop and direct the work of the young people. She shall publish quarterly and annual reports.

(9) The Superintendent of Children's Work shall develop and direct the work of the children. She shall publish quarterly and annual reports.

4. Touching the memorial from the Session Committee on Laws of 1917, requesting that By-Law 20 on "Standing Committees" be amended by the insertion of a paragraph as follows:

Committee on Laws.

(1) There shall be a Committee on Laws of three members.

(2) It shall be the duty of this committee to watch all proposed legislation and to call attention to any overlapping, conflicting, and unnecessary legislation.

It shall be the further duty of this committee to prepare for use under the proper headings in the annual report a copy of all standing rules.

The committee recommends concurrence.

5. To the memorial from two members of the Council requesting the insertion as Section 21 in Council By-Laws one to be entitled "Session Committees," which shall read as follows:

Session Committees.

(1) The work of the Woman's Missionary Council in annual session shall be conducted by session committees appointed by the Executive Committee. (See Section 3, By-Law 16 stricken out.)

(2) Each session committee shall elect its own chairman and secretary.

The committee recommends concurrence.

To the further recommendation of these members touching the relation of a Council Secretary to these committees the committee recommends nonconcurrence and offers the following substitute:

(3) Council Secretaries shall present their work and recommendations to the session committees. No Council Secretary shall act as chairman of a session committee.

6. To the memorial offered by two members of the Council requesting the insertion as Section 22 in Council By-Laws one to be entitled "Special Committees," reading as follows:

Special Committees.

Such special or *ad interim* committees as may be deemed necessary may be ordered by the Council in annual session. The chairman of a standing or *ad interim* committee may hold one called meeting annually, the expenses to be met from the treasury of the Council.

The committee recommends concurrence.

To the further recommendation from these two members that Item 2, under Section 20, Standing Committees, page 394, be amended by adding the following words, "The chairman of a standing committee may hold one called meeting annually, the expenses of which shall be met from the treasury of the Council," the committee recommends concurrence.

7. To the memorial from four members of the Executive Committee requesting that Article 3 of the Constitution for Conference Societies be amended by the insertion of the phrase "any officer or manager of the Woman's Missionary Council residing within the bounds of the Conference," so that the article when amended shall read:

(3) The Conference Society shall consist of one or more delegates from each auxiliary, a District Secretary, any officer or manager of the Woman's Missionary Council residing within the bounds of the Conference, and the following officers: A President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, Superintendents of Study and Publicity, of Social Service, and of Supplies. These officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual session and shall constitute the Executive Committee. The President and Corresponding Secretary shall be members of the Woman's Missionary Council.

The committee recommends concurrence.

8. To the memorial from the Memphis Conference in regard to a nominating committee, the committee recommends nonconcurrence.

9. To the recommendation from the Council Committee on Missionary Societies in Foreign Fields, requesting that By-Law 4 of the By-Laws for Conference Societies be amended by the addition of the sentence, "Alternates from missionary societies in foreign fields shall be elected from among missionaries at home on furlough," so that the entire By-Law shall read:

(4) Two members of the Executive Committee of the Conference shall be elected at each annual session as alternates to the Woman's Missionary Council. Alternates from missionary societies in foreign fields shall be elected from among missionaries at home on furlough.

The committee recommends concurrence.

10. To the recommendation from the West Oklahoma Conference in regard to striking out By-Law 14 for Conference Societies and adding the duties described therein to those of the Conference Corresponding Secretary the committee recommends nonconcurrence.

11. To the memorial from the Central Texas Conference recommending a "Budget Plan" to be substituted for Article 3 of the Constitution for Adult Auxiliaries the committee recommends nonconcurrency.

In response to a request from four Conferences, the committee offers the following statement of the budget plan for auxiliaries:

Article 3. Any one may become a member of this auxiliary by giving prayer, service, and a contribution to the annual auxiliary budget. The auxiliary shall assume the responsibility of the payment of the budget, the total amount of which shall include annual dues of \$2.40 per member, a contribution to the Conference Expense Fund from each member, the Retirement and Relief Fund from each member, and a pledge from the auxiliary. The dues, pledge, and any other undirected funds shall be prorated by the Council, forty per cent for the home and sixty per cent for the foreign work. Opportunities shall be given for offerings to be directed by individual donors for the support of special work. These special offerings by individuals shall not be prorated.

12. Recommendations touching By-Laws from the Special Committee on Social Service are covered in the report of that committee.

13. To the recommendations of the Committee on Report Blanks requesting the following changes in Items 6 and 7 of the By-Laws for Children's Auxiliaries:

(1) To Item 6 add the following words: "She shall report quarterly on the first day of January, April, July, and October to the Conference Superintendent of Study and Publicity."

(2) To Item 7 add the following words: "She shall report quarterly on the first day of January, April, July, and October to the Conference Superintendent of Social Service."

The committee recommends concurrence.

REPORT No. 2.

Whereas the adoption of any or all of the changes proposed in the above report will make a new numbering of articles and by-laws necessary—

1. The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws requests the privilege of correcting the numbers after action upon the report has been taken by the Council.

2. The committee further asks that it be authorized to make any minor changes in the by-laws necessary to conform with changes in the Council By-Laws passed by the Council in session of 1918.

MRS. F. F. STEPHENS, *Chairman*;

MISS ESTHER CASE, *Secretary*.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REPORT BLANKS.

The Committee on Report Blanks met at the Publishing House on November 17, 1918. Those present were: Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, Mrs. J. W. Perry, Mrs. W. A. Albright, Mrs. Hume R. Steele, Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, Mrs. A. B. Smith, Mrs. W. B. Sullins.

After discussing and considering the present plan of reporting, the following action was taken:

1. That sets of record and report books be prepared for Adult, Young People, and Children's Auxiliaries.
2. That each set consist of a treasurer's book and auxiliary record book containing report blanks for all officers except the Treasurer.

MRS. B. W. LIPSCOMB, *Chairman*;

MRS. W. B. SULLINS, *Secretary*.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SUPERINTENDENTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S AND CHILDREN'S WORK.

Your committee recommends the following:

1. (a) The superintendent in charge of young people's work shall receive a remuneration of \$600 per year. (b) The superintendent of children's work shall receive a remuneration of \$600 per year.

2. Each superintendent shall, in addition, be allowed traveling expenses to enable her to attend Annual Conference meetings, summer assemblies, and such conventions as are in line with her work.

MRS. F. F. STEPHENS,

MISS DAISY DAVIES,

MRS. R. M. CAMPBELL.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HOLDING INSTITUTE.

Your committee appointed at the last session of the Council to plan for the reconstruction and enlargement of Holding Institute, at Laredo, Tex., submits the following report:

"Two members of the committee, Mrs. T. A. Brown and Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, visited the institution March 25-27 and spent two days investigating the condition of the buildings, equipment of the school, and the religious atmosphere of the student body. A most cordial welcome was given to the committee and every opportunity extended for a close investigation. We visited the schoolrooms and found the class work thorough. The teachers are efficient and give careful, painstaking instruction. The students receive religious instruction daily, the Bible being in the course of study and a requirement for graduation. The children are well dressed and well trained. Health conditions are decidedly good. We found the grounds well kept and the buildings thoroughly clean, but because of their age they are inadequate to meet the present needs.

We recommend that \$1,200 be appropriated for a sewer system.

MRS. H. R. STEELE, *Chairman*;

MRS. NAT G. ROLLINS, *Secretary*.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CENTENARY CELEBRATION.

Whereas Methodists in America is uniting in a great Missionary Centenary in commemoration of the founding of the first American Missionary Society; and whereas the Board of Missions, of which the

Woman's Missionary Council is an organic part, has unanimously approved the movement and is already planning its method of approach to the Church—therefore be it

Resolved: 1. That the Woman's Missionary Council enter into full participation in the propagation of the Centenary Movement throughout the Church.

2. That this body recommend to the Joint Commission the appointment of one or more representative women of the Council for the development of the movement.

3. That this body stand for its full share in the expense of this work, leaving details to the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council.

MRS. R. L. HOBBS,

MABEL K. HOWELL.

COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE THE MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

We, your committee to nominate the members to serve on the standing committees, submit the following recommendations:

Committee on Educational Institutions.—Miss Mabel Howell, Miss Belle H. Bennett, Miss Esther Case, Mrs. W. F. Tillett, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Miss Daisy Davies, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Mrs. T. A. Brown, Mrs. G. R. Armstrong.

Committee on Itineration.—Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Mrs. H. R. Steele, Miss Mabel Howell, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Miss Esther Case.

Committee on Applicants for Scholarship.—Mrs. E. B. Chappell, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Miss M. L. Gibson, Miss Esther Case, Miss Mabel Howell.

Committee on Candidates for Deaconess and Missionary Work.—Miss Belle H. Bennett, Miss Mabel Howell, Miss Esther Case, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Mrs. E. B. Chappell, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Miss M. L. Gibson, Mrs. H. R. Steele, Mrs. F. S. Parker.

Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work.—Miss M. L. Gibson, Miss Belle H. Bennett, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Miss Mabel Howell, Miss Esther Case, Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Mrs. A. P. Holt, Mrs. B. F. Lewis, Mrs. G. W. Matthews, Mrs. Luke Johnson, Mrs. Nat Rollins, Mrs. Lee Britt, Mrs. Maude Henderson.

Committee on By-Laws.—Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Mrs. W. B. Sullins, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Mrs. A. B. Smith, Mrs. J. N. McEachern, Miss Mabel Howell, Mrs. F. S. Parker.

Committee on Literature.—Mrs. H. R. Steele, Miss Mabel Howell, Miss Esther Case, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, Mrs. C. M. Hawkins, Mrs. E. B. Chappell, Mrs. W. L. Reed, Miss Estelle Haskin, Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, Mrs. J. W. Perry, Miss Althea Jones.

Committee on Estimates, Foreign Department.—Miss Belle H. Ben-

nett, Miss Mabel Howell, Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, Miss Esther Case, Mrs. E. B. Chappell, Mrs. F. S. Parker.

Committee on Estimates, Home Department.—Miss Belle H. Bennett, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, Mrs. F. S. Parker, Mrs. W. F. Tillett.

Committee on Laws.—Mrs. W. B. Sullins, Mrs. R. M. Campbell, Mrs. Lee Britt.

MISS M. L. GIBSON, *Chairman*;

MRS. J. N. MCEACHERN, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON PROMOTION OF PRAYER.

Realizing that "if Christ wins on the battle fields of our hearts, he can sweep in triumph over the battle fields of the non-Christian world at home and abroad," the Committee on Promotion of Prayer has sought to stress, first of all, the deepening of the spiritual life. Heart needs, home needs, nation needs, and world needs have been presented before the throne of grace.

Prayer watches have been kept and early morning services held. When momentous questions were being considered within the Council, faithful ones in the "watchtower," like Aaron and Hur, upheld with prayers.

Of Maud Bonnell it was said: "She was worth more than a battleship in keeping peace between Japan and the United States, and would God we had a squadron of such spiritual dreadnaughts!" We bring to you the resolution prepared by her last year.

Since "prayer is the Christian's vital breath," we would stress the importance of secret prayer.

We recommend that definite steps be taken to urge all members of auxiliaries to pledge themselves to daily family prayer.

We strongly urge the members of the Woman's Missionary Society to exercise the privilege of intercessory prayer.

We recommend that the choicest leaflets obtainable on prayer and the deepening of the spiritual life be circulated through the auxiliaries of the Woman's Missionary Council.

MRS. G. W. MATTHEWS, *Chairman*;

MRS. TURNER MCBAIN, *Secretary*.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

CHINA.

Very few reports have been received from our missionaries in China, and for that reason our work in this field is only partially represented.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

MISS ALICE G. WATERS, SECRETARY.

APPOINTMENTS.

Shanghai—McTyeire School: Miss Alice G. Waters, Principal. Teachers: Miss Elizabeth Claiborne, Miss Lelia J. Tuttle, Miss Julia Wasson, Miss Clara Park, Miss Emma Lester, Miss May Hixson.

Hongkew, Nantziang, and Tsingtsaung: Miss Julia Wasson.

Sungkiang—Susan B. Wilson School: Miss Nell D. Drake, Principal; Miss Nettie L. Peacock, Teacher.

Hayes-Wilkins Bible School: Miss Irene King, Principal.

District Woman's Work and Day Schools: Miss Mary Culler White.

Sungkiang Woman's Work and Day Schools: Miss Irene S. King.

SUSAN BOND WILSON SCHOOL.

MISS NELL D. DRAKE.

After Conference was over last year, we decided that the Susan B. Wilson School must be more carefully graded; so this was accomplished by China New Year, and the result has been most satisfactory. There has been a very perceptible increase in interest in the work on the part of both teachers and pupils. Lessons have been better prepared, and we have had fewer failures than usual. The students take great pride in the fact that our school is now as well graded as any of the schools.

One other advance in the school work is that the girls seem to have more ambition than formerly. They talk of going to McTyeire or to the Normal to continue their studies after graduating here. Some of the teachers went to the Summer Normal in Soochow and have come back with new ideas and more enthusiasm. We hope that next year the men teachers will go too. They have already signified their intention of doing so and seem quite anxious to know what other schools are doing in the teaching of Chinese.

In June we had four graduates, all of whom are teaching in our country schools. Three out of the four are planning to save their money, so they can go to school again. Two are hoping to be able to go to the Normal, and one is planning to go to McTyeire.

During the summer the floors of the first two stories of the old building were revarnished, and other parts of the building were repaired; so the buildings are now in fairly good condition.

Just as school opened we received a handsome pastel portrait of Mrs. Wilson, a gift of Miss Nina Wilson and the Baltimore Conference. It has been hung in the new chapel, and we hope the pictured face of this faithful worker for Christ may be an inspiration to the girls. They are pleased over the gift and are grateful to the donors.

According to our usual custom, in the spring we had a series of

meetings for the spiritual development and uplift of the students. These meetings were held by Miss Mary Culler White and were of great benefit to the school. In her talks Miss White dwelt principally on two themes, the call to a consecrated life and the call to service. There seems to be among the students a deepening sense of their responsibility for others. At Miss White's suggestion, some of the girls attempted a little definite evangelistic work in the summer, and we hope more may be done next year.

HAYES-WILKINS BIBLE SCHOOL FOR WOMEN.

MISS IRENE S. KING.

The Hayes-Wilkins Bible School for Women is the only institution in the China Mission Conference for the training of Bible women. Thus the responsibility of the school to the Church is a heavy one. Wherever there is a church or a hospital, there is a call for a Bible woman. The school thus far has been able to meet only one-tenth of the demand for workers in our Methodist Episcopal Church, South. There are many calls from other missions for Bible women and matrons in girls' schools.

The school has undergone two great changes this year. When school opened in February, 1917, half of the faculty were new, and we had an entirely new course of study to begin on. The school survived the changes and has enrolled eighteen new students during the year.

The new course of study is highly approved by patrons and pupils. The work in Chinese is four years in advance of the former course, and this appeals to our patrons. The present course provides for household economics and training in practical Christian work. This appeals to young women who have definitely decided to prepare for Christian service. The new course is already attracting a better class of women to the school. Five women graduated from the old course in June and are now in active Christian work.

Two evangelistic campaigns have been held in Sungkiang during the year under the leadership of Miss Mary Culler White. The Bible school students have taken part as ushers, booksellers, personal workers, and leaders of prayer groups. These campaigns have been of inestimable value to the students, both as a source of training in Christian work and as a means of deepening the spiritual life of the workers.

Miss White has held meetings in the school twice during the year. Her ministry among us has been a blessing to students and faculty.

We feel that our Father's blessing has rested on us this year and are grateful to him for his goodness and to the many friends of the school who have helped by their prayers and sympathetic interest.

OUTSTATIONS.

SOUTHERN DIVISION OF SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

MISS MARY CULLER WHITE.

In October, 1916, I was moved from Soochow to Sungkiang, hence this is my first report from the Shanghai District. I have six outstations, all of them being in what is known as the Southern Division of the district. The center of this territory is Sungkiang, where I make my headquarters; but I am seldom there, as nearly all my time is spent in itinerating. About all of me that stays in Sungkiang is my post office address and trunks.

The outstations are located at six flourishing towns within a radius of twenty-five miles from Sungkiang. The only highways to these

towns are waterways, hence my house boat is in constant use. I travel on it and live on it while I am at the stations. I have named it the Missouri, it being a sister house boat to the Mississippi, which I left for my successor in the Soochow District. My health has kept up in a wonderful way throughout the year, special strength having been given me for the constant travel.

I have a Bible woman's home at each of the outstations, with one or more Bible women located in each home; and in connection with three of these homes we have day schools for girls. There were four of these schools when Miss King turned the work over to me, but one had to be closed in January, 1917, on account of local conditions.

In some respects this has been the most satisfactory year's work that I have ever done. I have had no assigned work in the city where I make my headquarters, hence there has been nothing to call me back and make me cut short my visits to the outstations. It has been an infinite pleasure to stay as long as I liked and to be able to hold revival meetings or to conduct Bible institutes.

It has been my privilege to conduct revival meetings in the Davidson Memorial and Susan B. Wilson Schools. At the request of Miss King, Principal of the Hayes-Wilkins Bible School, I have conducted two evangelistic campaigns in Sungklang for the purpose of reaching the heathen women of the city. The autumn campaign was a great advance over the one held in the spring. The work was better organized, and prayer was given the first place in the work of preparation. God answered our prayers, and we had a number of clear conversions among the non-Christians in the congregations. Some of these knew almost nothing about the gospel when the meeting began; but they were reached through the personal work done by the Bible women and other Church members, and the close of the meeting found them rejoicing in a living Saviour.

In my outstation work one feature that I have stressed has been the holding of Bible institutes, or, as we call them in Chinese, "short-term schools." Three flourishing institutes have been held at three of my outstations. The attendance has not been large, but it has been made up of earnest-minded people who have been willing to pay for their own food. A small registration fee has also been charged, and during the year forty-four people have paid this fee in order to be able to study. The institute work is carried on in three grades—an advanced grade for workers, an intermediate grade for Church members who can read, and a primary grade for the illiterate.

I have as my Chinese secretary an efficient and earnest graduate of the Davidson Memorial, and she has assisted greatly in the teaching at these institutes. The preachers also have been willing to help, and we have pressed every available person into service. In addition to the three institutes mentioned above, two have been conducted by my secretary in places outside our regular territory, and together we have conducted a less formal institute of three days at a country hamlet.

The opportunities for evangelistic work are so great that it is hard to know what is the best way to use one's time. I am convinced that day schools should be a separate department of the work under separate supervision. Otherwise the day schools will suffer because of hurried and inefficient supervision, and at the same time the evangelistic work will suffer because it cannot have the undivided attention of the missionary in charge.

The day schools are in close competition with the government schools, some of which offer free tuition, and it is therefore hard to make progress toward self-support. But at the risk of losing pupils we changed our custom this year and forced our pupils to pay their tuition in advance. The result is that we have lost some pupils; but

we believe we are on a better basis, for we have collected one hundred per cent of the tuition due us. Our weakest school has collected tuition amounting to one-twelfth of its budget for the year. A second school has been self-supporting to the extent of one-seventh of its budget, and the third has furnished one-fifth of its expenses.

The work is suffering greatly from the low rate of exchange, and the result is that we are falling into debt every quarter. It will now take two Bible woman's scholarships to support each Bible woman and two day school specials for every day school. God grant that our people in America may rise to this emergency and thus save us from having to close the work!

One encouraging feature of the work this year has been the enlistment of students in the work of evangelism. Miss Wales prepared literature called the "Shining Light Society," which is on the plan of the "Time Investment Club" of the Y. W. C. A. The students are asked to volunteer to teach illiterate people or those ignorant of the gospel. Each student is furnished with literature to teach the number that she promises to instruct, the object, of course, being to win each person under her influence to real faith in Christ. The course consists of text cards, hymns, Bible stories, etc., and it is to be taught to any group whom the student can persuade to study—relatives, friends, neighbors, street children, servants. I have presented this literature and made this appeal in eight of the leading girls' schools of our mission, including McTyeire, Laura Haygood, Davidson Memorial, and Susan B. Wilson. The appeal was made just before the China New-Year vacation. A total of two hundred and five students responded, each stating the number that she would find and teach. These two hundred and five students took literature to teach one thousand one hundred and seventy-six persons. They are to do the work during this China New-Year vacation, if possible; and if not, they are to continue their efforts during their vacation next summer. A report is to be made after each vacation.

One of the great words in China now is *mobilization*. The above is one of our efforts to mobilize the Christian forces for the evangelization of China. We need more missionaries for leadership in evangelistic work. We need women who have a great love for that work, who would rather do it than to do anything else in the world—yes, I want to go a step farther and say that we need women who have had experience in this work in the homeland and whose work has been blessed by the power of the Holy Spirit. O, may women of this type volunteer and come to China!

"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he thrust forth laborers into his harvest."

STATISTICS.

Outstations	6
Missionary societies in outstations.....	6
Bible women's homes.....	7
Graduate Bible women.....	6
Assistant Bible women.....	3
Secretary and assistant in evangelist work.....	1
Day schools	3
Teachers in day schools (women).....	5
Teachers in day schools (men).....	2
(These men have now been dismissed.)	
Pupils in day schools.....	78
Tuition in day schools (gold).....	\$182.40
Board at Bible institutes.....	\$19.34
Registration fees at Bible institutes	\$2.99
Contributed by Chinese for itineration of Bible women.....	\$1.47

SOOCHOW DISTRICT.

MISS VIRGINIA M. ATKINSON, SECRETARY.

APPOINTMENTS.

East Soochow—Laura Haygood School: Miss Mary Lou White, Principal.

Kindergarten Department: Miss Kate B. Hackney, Principal. Teachers: Miss Annie E. Bradshaw, Miss Elizabeth A. Love, Miss Laura V. Mitchell, Miss Bertha O. Attaway.

Mary Black Hospital: Dr. Ethel Polk.

Medical School: Dr. Hattie F. Love, Dean.

Nurse-Training School: Miss Mary A. Hood, Resident Nurse; Miss Alma Pitts.

Evangelistic and Business Departments: Miss Lela A. Biller, Miss Theodosia Wales.

West Soochow—Davidson School: Miss Louise Robinson, Principal; Miss Olive W. Lipscomb, Teacher.

Moka Garden Embroidery Mission: Miss Frances Burkhead, Superintendent; Miss Nina Stallings.

Day Schools and Woman's Work: Miss Mary M. Tarrant.

Kong Hong: Miss Maggie J. Rogers.

Language Study: Miss Marie Raffo.

Changchow—East Gate Day School and Woman's Work: Miss Ida Anderson, Miss Alice Green.

North Gate Day Schools and Woman's Work: Miss Ella D. Leverett, Miss Edith Hays.

Outstation Women's Work and Day Schools: Miss Laura V. Mitchell, Miss Bertha O. Attaway, Miss Ida Anderson.

Changshu Circuit: Miss Virginia M. Atkinson.

On furlough: Miss Bess Combs, Miss Martha Pyle, Miss Janie Watkins.

MARY BLACK HOSPITAL.

MISS HARRIET F. LOVE, M.D.

The work of the past year has gone along pretty much as usual. There has been no enlargement in any direction, because the staff had, with its teaching in the medical school and nurse-training school, all the work it could do. The country clinics and itinerating trips had to be discontinued. This has reduced the number of our out-clinic patients and possibly also our in-patients.

Statistics cannot accurately report the work of a mission hospital. Numbers cannot convey the various kinds of service rendered by doctors, nurses, and Bible women. A large part of the work is overcoming prejudices, teaching hygiene by precept and example, helping the people to realize the importance of preventive medicine, and prophylaxis.

Our great hope for the future is that this same kind of work will be continued by the nurses and doctors graduating from our two schools. The patients taught by them will carry messages of a Saviour for soul and body back to their homes in the congested cities and remote country villages, and thus the country will become permeated with the light, the truth, and the way.

We are continually thankful for this type of service which we are privileged to do through hospital work and teaching, and we often wonder why it is so difficult to find women physicians and nurses in America to enter this fascinating and satisfying work.

Dr. Ethel Polk went on furlough in March. Dr. Louise Ingersoll

came in September from America and immediately went to work in the hospital and in the classrooms of the medical school.

The doctors made 193 physical examinations on the students of the Laura Haygood and Davidson Girls' Schools and followed this up with corrective operations and treatments where indicated. Ten per cent of the girls were found to have trachoma, and about fifty per cent adenoids and diseased tonsils. Also the doctors have given lectures on hygiene, preventive medicine, and kindred subjects to Laura Haygood Normal students.

We were greatly disappointed that our nurse-missionary did not arrive last year from America. We shall expect her this year.

WOMAN'S MEDICAL COLLEGE.

(Founded 1891; incorporated 1909.)

MISS HARRIET F. LOVE, M.D.

As in the past, we continue to enroll students in two classes only, because the faculty is small and the equipment meager. The Soochow University kindly gives us the use of one of its laboratories, and the Laura Haygood School lends us its chemistry laboratory. The following friends have helped with the teaching: Mr. N. G. Gee, Mrs. E. V. Jones, Mrs. S. G. Brinkley, Mrs. W. M. Smith, Miss E. A. Love, Dr. W. H. Park, and Dr. W. B. Russell.

In March Dr. Ethel Polk went on her furlough, so the third-year class was sent to Shanghai for the spring term, living at McTyeire School and being under the direction of Dr. Margaret Polk. She and other Shanghai doctors most generously gave of their time to the teaching. They were: Drs. Anne Fearn, Mary Wang, Mary N. Woodbridge, and E. S. Tyau. Miss Helen Richardson taught Bible.

In the fall the return of the class to Soochow was made possible by the arrival of Dr. Louise Ingersoll from America.

The five doctors of the graduating class of 1916 are assisting in the following hospitals: Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Mary Black Hospital, Methodist Episcopal, Kiukiang Hospital, Northern Presbyterian Hospital of Soochow, and the Episcopal Woman's Hospital of Shanghai.

We are still building on hope and faith cemented together with love for our Lord Jesus Christ and these Chinese women, who so much need his loving, healing touch, given through willing, joyous, concerted hands. Our hope and ideal for our school is that, as the years go by, more and more Chinese women physicians may be graduated and sent forth to serve in his name.

It is a large and wonderful vision that He has given us. It reaches down through the coming years—building up a substantial, praiseworthy school through whose doors there will go out a splendid type of Chinese womanhood, trained, developed, equipped, and prepared to preach and demonstrate the gospel of cleanness, unselfishness, purity, and love. She will carry light into many a dark place, the inner hidden recesses of homes and hearts, that other Christian workers can never have the opportunity to enter. The Chinese woman physician has an opportunity to live, to preach, and to demonstrate the life and teachings of Him who went about doing good that cannot be paralleled by that of any other class of Christian workers. Therefore the projected plan for the Union Woman's Medical College in Shanghai should appeal to and demand the interest and the prayers of all Christians. If the plans for this school are not consummated, the Church will have lost one of its most potent forces for propagating Christianity and for uplifting humanity.

Three women physicians have indicated their willingness to be on the teaching staff if this union school is established. That would give us an immediate teaching staff of five. Our prayers are being answered.

The Union Woman's Medical College of Shanghai will be a unique work in China. No other mission, nor even the Chinese government, is doing a similar work—that is, teaching medicine in English to Chinese women. Furthermore, this will be the only woman's medical college in Central China, with its eight provinces and roughly estimated population of 226,000,000—half the entire population of China. The Church in this one institution will have the unparalleled opportunity and unprecedented privilege of influencing these 266,000,000 people for Christianity. If not grasped now, we venture to say that within ten years this opportunity will have passed forever from the hands of the Church.

NURSE-TRAINING DEPARTMENT.

MISS MARY A. HOOD.

At the last China Nurses' Association meeting, Dr. Beebe, of Shanghai, Secretary of the China Medical Association, gave a short address to the nurses. His subject was 1 Corinthians xiii. He said: "I didn't choose this subject because you nurses needed it more than others, but because your work gives you an unequalled opportunity of making evident the love here pictured. Nursing is love manifest. The old commandment, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself,' and Christ's new commandment, 'That ye love one another as I have loved you,' prove this." In training nurses we are trying to teach this, and to have each nurse keep it ever before her, because without this love of Christ the outlook for nurses and the nursing profession in China would be very dark.

The Nurse-Training School was organized in 1910, and during the past eight years we have had ten graduates; two are druggists, three married (one married a physician and is helping her husband in hospital work), four have responsible hospital positions in Shanghai, and one is a student taking a special course at Johns Hopkins Nurse-Training School. Two of the last class to graduate took the Nurses' Association examinations in May and passed with fine grades and have received their diplomas. We have in training fifteen bright young women. Eight of the senior class are to take the Nurses' Association of China examinations in May of 1918. This is the largest senior class we have had. The class as a whole has done good work. All but one are Christians. Several have joined the Church since entering the school. The nurses are much interested in house-to-house visiting of the sick with Miss Bliler and a Bible woman once a week. They try to tell the families they visit the importance of having their diseases treated and the advantage of hospital treatment. They also tell them they can hear the Bible-teaching daily. Many are eager to hear, while others are indifferent. Four of this senior class are very anxious to do district nursing. Many of the nurses take an active part in the Sunday school and have classes and assist me in the Primary Department. Others who entered, but have had to give up their training for various reasons before completing the course of study, are making the most of the knowledge they gained while with us by establishing Christian homes, teaching in schools, and doing evangelistic work.

We have one trained nurse who gives all of her time to out-nursing or to nursing in private families. She is kept busy all the time. The Chinese are more and more realizing the comfort of having

trained nurses in cases of illness, and we have many calls for trained nurses to go into private homes. The difficulty we meet in these instances is that often the homes are immoral and afford no protection to the nurse who goes into them. The Chinese nurses cannot make a place for themselves independent of missions at present. They must work in connection with mission work. However, the nursing profession has a very bright outlook. While positions open to graduate nurses at present are few, we hope in the near future to have trained nurses in all the schools, in social service work, in all the institutional churches we are hoping to establish, and to work in connection with the Bible women as they do house-to-house visiting. To accomplish this we must have the coöperation of all the missionaries in the various centers.

MARY BLACK HOSPITAL, EVANGELISTIC AND BUSINESS DEPARTMENTS.

LELA M. BLIER.

In reviewing the year's work I feel that, while we have accomplished much, many things have been left undone, either through lack of time or failure to grasp the many opportunities. Nevertheless, it has been a joy to have a little part in this work. This fall we have started some social service work in connection with our district visiting, and it has given me much pleasure to see how beautifully the nurse students have responded to this work. By learning how to teach hygiene, sanitation, care of the home, and the dear old Book, they are becoming social service workers, evangelists, and district nurses in one, reaching in a very effective way the many sides of Chinese life. In special evangelistic services held this fall, His Spirit was an ever-present help, and as a result of these meetings four stood up, making open confession of faith, and three joined the Church. These three immediately decided to have a small prayer circle of their own, to pray for their unsaved home folks and relatives. Now all our faculty and student body are Christians but two. I wish I had time to tell you of the many interesting experiences I have had working among our patients. Some of the most interesting cases we met on our district visiting. After much persuasion we got them to come into the hospital for treatment. Some had been bedridden for six and eight months and were in a dreadful condition, due either to ignorance, superstition, or lack of attention, and sometimes due to all three. The relief and return to health prepared the way for an easy access into their hearts, and if you could have seen their shining faces you would have known the Holy Spirit was working in their hearts, and they have been transformed into living evangelists for Him in their neighborhoods. The daily morning prayer circle of Bible women and all workers connected with our Evangelistic Department has been a special source of power in our work, for we have been conscious of His presence with us.

The business work for the year has been exceedingly difficult, due to the indirect result of the world war. High prices of food, drugs, materials, poor exchange, and shortage of funds on the part of the Chinese have all contributed to bring about many difficulties. However, it has been gratifying to me to know that, in spite of these difficulties, the Chinese have paid generously; otherwise we would have had to close our work long ago. This has proved to me beyond a doubt that Chinese womanhood approves of a woman's medical work for Chinese women conducted by women. So let us, having put our hand to the plow, not turn back, but go on growing each day, "For we know that our labor is not in vain in the Lord."

DAVIDSON GIRLS' SCHOOL.

LOUISE ROBINSON, PRINCIPAL.

No report has been made for the Davidson School since the Conference held at Huchow in October, 1916. Since that time the changes in the personnel of the faculty, both Chinese and foreign, have been so many that only a well-organized school could have stood it.

At present we have an unusually good Chinese faculty. The matron, Mrs. Tsiang, who has been in the school for twelve years, has in every possible way helped to advance the interests of the school and has been a splendid influence both among the teachers and the students.

Miss Lipscomb and I, being inexperienced in school work in China, have necessarily spent most of the time outside of the classroom in studying conditions as they exist rather than in making plans for the future.

We expect the majority of the graduates of the school to go into active Christian service as day school teachers, and therefore we want to give them every opportunity to show forth their ability while they are in school. To that end we are trying to give them a chance to do active Christian service while they are students.

Last spring, according to the plan outlined by the Time Investment Club of the Young Women's Christian Association, we organized classes among the older girls to prepare them for special children's work during vacation. We were very fortunate in having the Kindergarten Training School students as volunteer teachers. At the end of the term they were presented with certificates stating the work done and commissioning them to work among the children of their own homes and neighborhoods. At the opening of the fall term they gave reports of the work done, and we were very much pleased at the enthusiasm of those who had actually carried out the plans which they had made in their classes.

We encourage their attendance upon Y. W. C. A. conferences, and through the Y. W. C. A. we try to bring them in contact with people who have vital messages for them.

A meeting in the spring led by Miss Mary Culler White resulted in much good to the girls spiritually.

It is also our purpose to see that the girls have strong, healthy bodies. Dr. Love and her associates came over in the fall and gave each student a medical examination, that we might plan more intelligently for each girl. We found trachoma to be our greatest trouble. Dr. Dau has been treating trachoma patients at the clinic held every week at Moka Garden, and several cases have already been dismissed.

An American dentist examined the teeth of every student and gave to each one a written report of the condition of her teeth. As a result a good number have had dental treatment. So, slowly but surely, prejudice against foreign medical treatment is being overcome, and many are ready to receive aid from the foreign doctors.

The girls are organized into groups for playground work. We are very glad to say that next year we will have a young Chinese woman especially trained for this work in the Physical Training School established in Shanghai by the Young Women's Christian Association.

We are very fortunate in being located so near the Laura Haygood Normal School, as our teachers thus have the opportunity of observing the teaching in the demonstration school. We have already seen practical results from our close contact with the school.

We have weekly meetings with the grade teachers, at which time we study Dewey's "Schools of To-Morrow." Teachers in China are waking up to the fact that they must take every opportunity to improve themselves professionally.

We are planning to have mothers' meetings once a month and hope in this way to develop a friendly feeling between the school and the homes. We are asking that a Bible woman give her full time to the visiting of the homes, as at least half of our students live in Soochow.

Our desire and hope is so to relate our school to the homes and to the community that every student shall not only get a vision of the needs of China, but that she shall actually be fitted in mind, in heart, and in body to bring about in *her* home and in *her* community the realization of the kingdom of God.

WEST SOOCHOW DAY SCHOOLS.

MISS MARY M. TARRANT.

The Sallie Stewart Day School for girls has two departments, the Lower and the Higher Primary, the latter having been added three years ago. At the end of June two girls graduated from the Higher Primary, one of whom is now teaching in the school.

Miss Au, who has been the head teacher for ten years, broke down in health this spring and has had to have a rest. The good discipline which she maintained has prevailed during her absence, and the two new teachers have had no trouble with their classes. We hope that Miss Au will be able to take up her work again after the China New Year holiday.

The Morning Watch was begun some weeks before school closed last June, and there has been a marked spiritual growth in the girls who attend. At some special meetings this fall twelve of the girls became probationers. This was a great step forward for most of them, as they have strong opposition from their heathen parents, who think that it will be impossible for their daughters to make desirable marriages if they are Christians. The attendance at the Morning Watch is voluntary, but the whole school is assembled for prayers daily. There are a Literary Society and an Epworth League in the school.

The day school for boys has three departments—the McKendree Lower Primary School, the Waco District Higher Primary, and the Galloway Middle School. A large number of the boys in the Middle School belong to our Sunday School Normal Class and teach the younger boys in Sunday school. Many of them also help in the Mission Sunday School at one of the gates in the city. The boys also have a Morning Watch service, and there are a Y. M. C. A., a Literary Society, an Athletic Association, and a Junior Epworth League in the school.

Early in January of this year we were very much grieved to lose one of our teachers in the boys' school through death. His young wife and baby died a few days before he died of the same disease—diphtheria. He was one of the graduates of the Galloway Middle School, an earnest Christian, and much interested in the school and the Church. He was an only child. His father and mother, who are heathen, do not seem bitter against the Church, as we feared they might be, but, on the contrary, are more ready to listen to Christianity than ever before.

CHANGCHOW SCHOOL AND WOMAN'S WORK AT EAST GATE.

MISS IDA ANDERSON.

The work at East Gate, Changchow, has included the furloughs of its two missionaries, Miss Green and myself. Miss Green, with the assistance of Miss Hays, held the work here and also at Nyi Shing and Wusih. After my return, in June, the Wusih work was given to Miss Mitchell, of Soochow, leaving Changchow and Nyi Shing in my charge.

I look forward to the time when Miss Green and I can be together in

the work again, for the best results cannot be attained when one attempts work planned for two.

In Changchow our Chinese force has consisted of four Bible women and four teachers.

We have a school of about fifty girls. In December five girls graduated from our eight years' course, three of whom have united with the Church.

Our new home is not only a source of great pleasure to us personally, but we enjoy throwing it open to the people. Then our yard has been an attraction to the little street children, who gather there Sunday afternoons before Sunday school.

Miss Green and I are full of appreciation for our pretty American home and, together with the women of Changchow, are finding it very attractive after coming off the dirty streets. We have named it Humbert Home, and the school is also called Humbert School.

Since Miss Green has been away I have had charge of the work at Nyi Shing, going to it once a month, staying in the home of our workers. This requires three days away from Changchow. It is a joy to go to this Christian home and to see the fine work that is being done by our Christian workers, both in the school and in the homes. Here we have two Bible women, three Christian teachers, and a school of about thirty pupils. How we would like to have more of such centers in other cities and villages!

The establishment of missionary societies has proved a great stimulus to our work everywhere. Not only the workers and Christian women coöperate heartily, but some who are not Christians are paying their dues and coming to the meetings.

God has been good to us; in the midst of discouragements as we battle against sin it becomes more and more evident that the gospel, and only the gospel, can save this people out of sin. I thank him for the opportunity of giving this message to the people of Changchow.

HUCHOW DISTRICT.

MISS MILDRED BOMAR, SECRETARY.

APPOINTMENTS.

Huchow—Virginia School: Miss Clara E. Steger, Principal. Teachers: Miss Sue Stanford, Miss Mittie Shelton, Miss Mary Blackford, Miss Nina Troy.

Language Study: Miss Shalie Lou McKinnon.

District Bible School: Miss Mildred B. Bomar, Principal; Mrs. J. A. Gaither.

Memphis School and City Day Schools: Miss Lochie Rankin.

Outstation Woman's Work and Day Schools: Miss Mildred B. Bomar.

Nanking—Bible Teachers' Training School: Miss Ruth M. Brittain.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

For the past Conference year the Huchow District has been sorely pressed because of the shortage of workers. At no time in its history have there been more than eight workers appointed to the district, and always several of these have given whole or half time to language study. This year Miss Shelton's furlough, Miss Smith's marriage, and the removal of Misses White and Bradshaw took away four women of the eight, all four full-day workers.

Miss Blackford was sent to Virginia School; and instead of being able to give full time to language study in this her first year, she has been compelled to teach all day, studying Chinese only on Saturdays. Miss Stanford also, who had been in China only two years, was obliged

to drop language study and teach full time. The burden of the literary teaching has fallen largely on these two young women. Mrs. Estes and Mrs. Nelson each gave roughly half a day in the school for six months. After China New Year Mrs. Gaither came to Huchow, and her coming has given much needed relief in the city evangelistic work. Since September, 1917, Miss Shelton's return and Miss McKinnon's work in Virginia School have made it possible for Misses Stanford and Blackford to give part of the day to language study.

In the district there are one boarding school, four day schools, and a Bible school. Effort is being made to readjust the work and to get it on a more self-supporting basis. The great problem is what to do with the children of Christians. They are unable to pay; and unless they receive help of some kind, education is put out of their reach. It does seem that the Church ought to see that the children of Christians are given a Christian education, yet charity pauperizes.

After Virginia School closed for the summer vacation the list of scholarship pupils was gone over carefully, and communications were sent the parents. Pupils who showed sufficient promise were notified that if they returned they must sign the loan agreement, according to the new regulations of the mission. The others were told that they must pay in full if they returned.

We hope that sometime an industrial scheme can be put into effect by which women and girls, boys and men can work during the day and attend school at night, thus paying as they go. Mr. Deal, of Korea, has said that a silk stocking factory at Huchow would be most successful and would quickly pay for itself. A business firm in Shanghai has offered to take all the Chinese pens that can be made by the mission students. Such a scheme of self-help ought surely to bring good results.

At China New Year the Bible woman, Mrs. Faung, was removed from Huchow. Mrs. Sung came from Sungkiang and is doing satisfactory work in Virginia School. Mrs. Gaither teaches in the Bible School and has charge of city evangelistic work.

MRS. JULIA A. GAITHER.

I reached China October 18, 1892, and until recently my work has been in the Shanghai District. In regard to the work in Shanghai, Soochow, Sungkiang, and the outstations I could write fully. I have been in Huchow less than one year, so my article must be brief.

My mornings are mostly given to teaching in the Bible School and my afternoons to evangelistic work. I have itinerated to some extent. Here in Huchow I have visited numbers of homes and have been to many cottage prayer meetings. The people receive me in their homes and seem to hear me gladly nearly everywhere I go. You would be astonished to see how poor most of the Huchow people are. In many of the homes there are no floors, and they are very cold and dreary-looking. We need many more evangelistic workers and more missionaries and teachers, especially for the day schools in the district.

How your heart would go out to the dear little children! If we cannot succeed with the grown people, we do hope to do so with the children. One afternoon I was distributing literature with Bible pictures on the sheets. A little child begged me for one. I gave only a very plain one to the child, and at once the cry came for one "with an idol on it." This little one doubtless thought that all my pictures were pictures of idols, because in his home and surroundings there is almost nothing else.

A dear little boy who is a strong believer in Jesus and a little Christian, I think, said to me with much earnestness: "I have killed

the devil. I went to the Tong Wong Temple and knocked him in the head." You could see from his face that he really believed that the devil was dead because he had knocked his image.

We do so need more day schools and more Bible women.

I am quite certain that I voice the mind of the missionaries in the needs that I have expressed.

How thankful I am to God for opportunities of service and for all of His blessings! Pray for us.

HUCHOW CITY DAY SCHOOLS.

MISS LOCHIE RANKIN.

One of the most important events in the history of our city during the year is the change of its name. It is no longer Huchow Lake City, but Wuhingsien.

But change of name has made no special difference in the city itself. Smallpox patients in all stages of the disease stalk the streets, stand in doorways, and come into classrooms. No pen or any kind of picture can describe the awful state of its small canals since the early frost and subsequent drought. Coffins line the streets, and mourners sit around tables set before the doors, drinking wine and eating heartily when not wailing loudly. Under these conditions it is not easy to be ten points cheerful, still less make enthusiastic reports of schools whose numbers have been greatly reduced and teaching force crippled by illness and marriage. From an enrollment of one hundred pupils less than half were in attendance during examinations. One wee smallpox patient ventured in at the close of school, bringing her one Mexican dollar wrapped in much soiled red paper. Talk of oily or sooty money! It required some courage for even an old missionary to take smallpox silver, in spite of the fact that it is for a very needy day school. Of the teachers, two lost a month each on account of sickness, and another was married two months before the end of the term.

The bright side of the year's work is marked by steady improvement in character development among the pupils. The girls have been ambitious to do good work in the industrial department. Their socks, mittens, and sweaters "for the soldiers in France" have been highly praised. All have learned to knit, sew, and crochet. The older girls have done well in simple bookkeeping and shown themselves able and willing to take leading parts in the weekly prayer meetings. Two finished the course and are ready for high school. The boys have made good in all their studies, markedly so in Chinese, and improved wonderfully in every way. Three at least will enter the middle school next term. The future is full of hope for these bright boys and girls, and the missionary is encouraged to plan largely for the three departments of the Wuhingsien day schools, despite the changes that must be made at the reopening. Since the Council refused the request for a teacher's residence, it seems best—nay, imperative—to accept the suggested changes and limit the ages of the girls to first-grade primary and transfer them from Memphis School to the small building occupied by the boys last term and send the boys to Memphis School. Chinese, as a rule, dislike changes and are slow to adapt themselves to new situations, but much uneasiness and anxiety will be removed from the mind of the missionary in charge by having the girls' school building in the same compound with the Bible School. The teacher will board with the Bible students, and she will always be in sight of the pupils during school hours. The boys will be free to indulge in the rougher sports so dear to their hearts, but must be censored in a "coed" school.

JAPAN.

Only one report has been received from Japan, and for that reason our work in that field is not represented in the usual way.

KOBE DISTRICT.

APPOINTMENTS.

Kobe—Lambuth Memorial Bible Woman's Training School: Miss Annie Belle Williams, Principal. Teachers: Miss Ethel Newcomb, Miss Annette Gist.

Language School: Miss Mabel Whitehead, Miss Katherine Hatcher.

MATSUYAMA DISTRICT.

APPOINTMENTS.

Oita—Woman's Work: Miss Ida M. Worth, Miss Charlie Holland.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

MISS CHARLIE HOLLAND.

My report will be sent in from Oita City, as that was the appointment made me last September. I was there until the 10th of January of this year, when, because of necessary changes made in the Matsuyama Circuit on account of sickness, I was sent to Matsuyama as a supply for three months.

The Matsuyama Circuit is on the island of Shikoku, four hours by boat south of the main island and ten hours east of Oita, in Kyushu. The work of our Church here consists of one kindergarten, one half-self-supporting Church, and three chapels. The one church, one chapel, and the kindergarten are in Matsuyama, a city of more than fifty thousand people. One chapel is in the port of Mitsugahama, a town of fifteen thousand, and one chapel is up in the mountains in the village of Kawokmi.

There are forty children from the best class of homes in the kindergarten. Half of these are to graduate in April and enter the government primary school.

I find the people on this island quite different from those in Kyushu. They are much more approachable and seem interested to hear the gospel. Especially I have been pleased to watch the attitude of the government teachers toward Christianity. In the Nishihoribata Chapel two of the eleven members are teachers, one from a government school and one from a Shintoist school. Another government teacher, a man of family, who is not a Christian, is a regular attendant at my English Bible class, church, prayer meeting, and the Sunday school. Two Sundays ago he gave the children a splendid talk on kindness, using different illustrations from the life of Christ.

Our Bible class of young ladies from the Girls' Normal in Mitsugahama has increased from five to fourteen during these first two months here. My helper wished to know the reason, and upon asking several of the girls privately they replied that the teacher of literature in the Normal had said to them that it is best to have faith in something; and although he did not say to them directly to attend our class, he

knew some were attending and left the impression that such a decision was a good one. This is the second teacher in the Normal who has by action approved of the young ladies' attending the class. No doubt such a spirit has been shown because of one Christian student who graduates this year in the class of eighty young teachers. The faculty in the Normal of each province has the right to select from its graduating class one young lady whom it thinks is best qualified to enter the higher Normal in Nora, one of the two higher Normals in Japan. Miss Yukiye Goto, a Christian, has been chosen from this province. May God use her gentle spirit and beautiful childlike faith to reach the higher Normal students as in Mitsugahama! How important to send our Christian teachers to train the youth of Japan! Pray for Miss Goto and this work with the students.

KOREA.

SEOUL DISTRICT.

APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Bertha Smith, Principal Carolina Institute.
Miss Ellie Gray, Teacher Carolina Institute.
Miss Mamie D. Myers, City Churches and Woman's Work.
Mrs. J. P. Campbell, Woman's Evangelistic Work and Matron Severeance Hospital.
Miss Eva Hardie, Day Schools and Woman's Work.
Miss Hortense Tinsley, Woman's Work, Chulwon District.

CAROLINA INSTITUTE.

MISS BERTHA A. SMITH.

When school opened in September, there were sixty-six pupils, and the average attendance for the month was fifty. We were somewhat discouraged, but at the annual mission meeting a motion was passed to receive boarding pupils in grades one to four, provided they were fourteen years of age. This would not have been necessary if we had primary schools in all the places where we have churches; but since this is not the case, we are under obligations to take some boarding pupils in the lower grades. On account of this decision, the number of pupils has been slightly increased.

The board was reduced January 1, 1917, to the amount received at Holston Institute. An announcement concerning the school, in which the Self-Help Department was mentioned, was placed in the *Christian Messenger*, Mrs. Kim was released from some of her teaching in order to visit families in the neighborhood, and four meetings for the patrons of the school have been held. It is difficult to estimate the results of these meetings. We only know that they were all so well attended that for lack of space the students could not be allowed to sit in the chapel during the program. The efforts along other lines have also brought forth abundant fruit.

Several suggestions made by the Korean faculty have been accepted. The most important of these were: To arrange for a separate teacher and room for each grade instead of having only two teachers for grades one to four and to have a man instead of a woman in charge of the beginners' class. More and better musical advantages are being demanded, but somehow no provision was made at the mission meeting for the music department. When Miss Gray was appointed to Seoul, she was besieged by the teachers and pupils of Carolina Institute with requests to give music lessons. Consequently, besides her sight-singing and Bible classes and the oversight of two primary schools, she has taught from six to ten pupils twice a week throughout the year. This served to keep up the reputation of the school for music, and her pupils gave a splendid little recital at the close of the spring term. Miss Oliver continued the course in foreign cooking and taught the advanced classes in physical culture while she was in the city.

A kindergarten was also opened, with a graduate of the Kindergarten Department of the Hiroshima Girls' School in charge and a graduate

of Carolina Institute as assistant. They work together perfectly, and the room is so full that no more pupils can be accepted, there being thirty-two pupils in regular attendance. Every child has paid the required tuition, and the teachers are doing splendid work under very trying circumstances.

The efforts to increase the number of students at Carolina Institute have certainly been rewarded above all expectation, the present enrollment for the spring quarter being 147 and the average attendance 133. Whatever has been done has been done in faith, believing it was the will of God; but even so, the blessings and help received have been far above anything we could ask or think.

MISS ELLIE GRAY.

My work during the year has been teaching in Carolina Institute, supervising primary schools, and language study. In Carolina Institute I had a Bible class five hours a week with one of the primary grades. During the greater part of the year the subject was Matthew's Gospel, omitting such portions as are too hard for small children to understand. It was my aim and ideal to teach this class according to the Western idea of gaining individual effort and expression from each pupil rather than by the Oriental pouring-in method, and at first I found it extremely difficult; but after long and persistent effort I began to see some results. In the spring we studied Old Testament stories, which the children learned to tell and to write, and we enjoyed them together. They also memorized Bible verses, a number in Matthew, and an appropriate one with each story.

I have taught ten music pupils during the year, with an average of seven, each one having two lessons a week. All these girls were beginners, and most of them did good work. I also worked with the singing classes, together with Mr. Kim In Sik. All except the two lowest grades are being taught sight-singing, and the *kodung* students learn two- and three-part songs.

Our mission has two primary schools in Seoul and a part in two union schools. The West Gate Union Primary School has six men teachers and four women. The total enrollment is two hundred and forty. The Seung Dong School has four men teachers and one woman, with a total enrollment of two hundred and three. In the Su Gu Mun School the enrollment increased from forty-five in October to eighty-eight in April. Until the end of March there were four grades and two teachers, but since the beginning of the new term there have been five grades and three teachers.

We had a parents' meeting in the early spring, which was well attended by the mothers, with the immediate result that six new pupils entered school the next morning.

Our West Gate School has only the preparatory and first two *potong* grades, but we have had all the pupils that our space would accommodate and could easily have had more. The building could not be properly heated, and the attendance fell off during the extremely cold weather. The children who finish the second grade here are supposed to go then to the union school, and most of the boys go, but the parents say it is too far for the girls. The total enrollment for the year is one hundred and seventy-five.

When the West Gate Church was torn down, the school was left shelterless. The Theological Seminary did not grant us permission to use the little house in which they allowed the Church to hold services, so we secured the use of the evangelistic tent from the Y. M. C. A. It had been used during the summer and was delayed in being

sent back, so they let us use the house on the seminary grounds for two weeks. At last, after considerable expense, the tent has been erected on a piece of government land, and we are trying to hold the school together there. This school is registered as a branch of the Union Primary School, and the government is forcing the Union School to register under the new regulations. They now have the money in hand to begin the new building and are ready to conform.

Our school cannot continue as a branch of the Union School and be conducted in the church. After interviews with the principal of the Union School and other officials, it is the opinion that if we add two more grades, making this a full *potong* school, and promise to put up a building within a reasonable time, it will be possible to pass over the present registration of the Union School to our school and that we may continue for a time in the church. If we do not do this, he thinks that we will not be permitted to continue at all, and he wants to have a statement from us as to what we intend to do before the final arrangements are made for the registration of the Union School.

As I look back over the year, it seems full of mistakes and failures; but if it is true that we have not failed until we quit trying and that defeats are only education, the year has not been in vain, and, trusting in the presence and help of God, I can look forward with hope and joy to the coming year.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

MISS MAMIE D. MYERS.

The year's work looks very small when I write a schedule of classes, Bible school, choir, etc.; but when I take each day's full duties and remember how many things have been crowded out, a year seems only half enough time for the completion of my allotted task.

Before the annual meeting closed, our Union Bible Institute opened for the fall session. This session was marked by the coming in of the Northern Methodists, and they brought many fine young women into school and a splendid teaching force. The event of the term was our first graduation. There were eight fine women who received diplomas. Four of them were Presbyterians and four Southern Methodists. Six of them are now engaged as regular salaried Bible women and are doing splendid work for the Master. In the spring (1917) we united the two terms of the Bible Institute and had a three months' school. This necessitated an inconvenient move, but we kept going; and when we got back to our quarters, we felt nothing but gratitude for having lived through such a trying time. The special feature of the institute this year was the society. Many of our women do not know how to conduct meetings, so this society was a training class for them. They had debates, missionary meetings, and musical programs, and all seemed very much benefited by the training.

As soon as the institute closed, our fall Bible class began. The women came well, and we had a strong force of teachers. There were two hundred and eighty-four in attendance. On one trip to the country our pastor went to lead the night evangelistic service, my teacher led the singing, and the Bible woman helped with the daily teaching. There were thirty-eight women present, and twenty-two received certificates after examination. The children came in the afternoon, and this was their first opportunity to learn Christmas music.

The afternoon Sunday school for children has been very flourishing. They gave a splendid program Christmas and Easter Sunday afternoons and had an interesting Children's Day program. Several mothers

of the school children came and demanded to know why their children were not on the program. When we told them that only children who came to the Sunday school could take part, they said they would send their children to Sunday school, and they have come regularly ever since.

The young women of our Church, about twenty in number, who have graduated from ours and other middle schools, are very active in a woman's club and in the choir and children's Sunday school.

Feeling the need of songs for children, with the help of two young men we have translated, mimeographed, and put into a small book form, fifty songs for children.

We were appointed to get up missionary programs for the missionary societies which we hope to organize among our women. I have translated and sent out ten programs. I took some of the stories from "Child Life in Mission Lands," and these were very interesting to the women. Three missionary societies have been organized in my circuits. The women enjoy their meetings, and each pays her dues monthly.

I have two choirs, one for young men and one for young women, and each meets once a week for study. When I remember that they have studied Western music only two or three years and hear their programs well rendered, I realize what our music has come to mean to them.

Our latest effort has been a class for the young women who have never had a chance to study before they married. They study arithmetic, Chinese, Japanese, writing, singing, sewing, cooking, and crocheting. We have thirty-six bright young women at this class. We feel that in this work we have made the first step toward molding the ideals of the young people as regards the family and home.

There has been no miraculous growth, but all along there has been steady, sure progress in the things of the kingdom of God; and this has been the happiest year of my life. With the great missionary to Africa I can say: "If I had a thousand lives, Korea should have them all."

WATER GATE AND WATER MARK CHURCHES AND SEVERANCE HOSPITAL.

MRS. J. P. CAMPBELL.

Five years of vital connection with these two Churches has made me a part of them, and I have enjoyed the work that God has given me to do in them. I know the women of these two congregations, both in their Church and home life, and they hesitate not to turn to me on all occasions, whether of joy or of sorrow. There have been conditions that drew on the heartstrings at times; yet no complaint, other than a dozing in meeting, escaped their lips. The weather never seemed too cold nor too hot, the distances too long, nor the number of visits too many when we were in search of souls who had lost their way. I thank my Father for the five years he has given me in these two Churches.

After our annual meeting last year the people of Water Mark Church were not pleased with the return of their former pastor, who later was compelled to leave the work. Though the people were discouraged and saddened, they stood loyal to the Church. At the opening of the year Miss Oliver took my work in this Church, and a portion of my time since has been given to the Water Gate Church. This little Church of one hundred and twenty members, in the outskirts of the city, is one of the most united Churches it has been my good fortune to be connected with. It reminds one of a large family well connected.

My women's Bible classes have done good work and have been well attended. Several of these women attended the two weeks' union Bible classes, and two of them took the three months' institute work, standing well in their classes. An Epworth League has been organized in this Church during the year, which has its regular monthly meetings. A fine class of young men in the Church is of assistance to the pastor in leading the prayer meetings and looking after the business interests of the Church. We are soon to move into our new church, which was gained through prayer. The furniture was given by friends in the Pacific Conference, and Mrs. C. C. Clay and her daughter gave us an organ well suited to the church. Rejoice with us this winter, for we were nearly frozen in the old chapel, which will soon be a thing of the past.

For three years and a half I had been domiciled in a quiet little apartment, convenient to me, to my work and my needs, when at New Year's my landlady raised the rent beyond my purse. After searching far and near, I turned to my friend Dr. Hirst. When asked if he could advise me, he said: "Sure. Superintendent of our Nurses' Home. Rooms there ready; move right in. I will put it before the staff tomorrow if you say." I agreed, with Misses Bennett's and Head's permission, which was granted by telegram. I therefore moved into the home of the twenty-five Korean nurses. The building is furnace-heated, lighted with electricity, and has city water attachment. I found the girls obedient and considerate. My hands are filled with planning, overseeing, guiding, and teaching. I have the housekeeping for the foreign nurses as well, the care of the hospital clothing, and the preparation of the food for the foreign patients. My desire is to do my work as unto Him. These nurses, standing by the sick beds of from sixty to one hundred patients a day and taking their turn in the night work, call for much sympathy and consideration. I have singing, Bible, and English classes with them.

Now, friends, these little details of my work are not to magnify myself in your thought, but to magnify my work, and I ask that you keep it on your hearts in prayer. My girls call me *amoni* (mother). I long so to win their hearts that I may be that indeed.

CHULWON DISTRICT.

MISS BESSIE O. OLIVER.

It is wonderful how God blesses us and makes each new year better than the last. With him the way must grow better day by day, year by year. As I look back over my five years in Korea, I can't help but think they have passed too quickly. There was so much I wanted to do that I didn't get done.

The past year has been a very pleasant one. I enjoyed my work in the Churches in Chulwon District. The women are getting more interested in Bible study, and many new believers have come in. The Bible class work in the circuit is always interesting. It makes me feel very unworthy of all my opportunities to study when I see how difficult it is for some of the Korean women, yet they manage to overcome their difficulties and study with great eagerness. One dear old lady was so anxious to study that she crawled over icy roads part of the way to get to the village where the Bible class was being held.

The work in the day schools has been a source of joy and regret—joy because of the results received from time and money put into them; regret because of the lack of funds, etc., to carry on the schools properly. We have great opportunities in these schools, but unless

we can take advantage of them soon it will be too late. The country schools are more than worth the amount of money it takes to run them, for they are a help to the Church and to the cause of Christ; at least our Chulwon District day schools are. This spring we had our first graduating class at Kim Wha, and each member of the class entered Carolina Institute for more advanced study. It was a great pleasure to have eight bright young girls from the Chulwon District to go to Carolina Institute this spring. The country schools do feed the higher schools.

My heart is full of praise and gratitude to Him who gave the command to go and take the message to all people, then said: "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

CHOON CHUN DISTRICT.

APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Cordelia Erwin, Principal Bible School and Woman's Evangelistic Work.

Miss Bessie Hardie, Principal Day Schools and Woman's Evangelistic Work.

Miss Carrie Una Jackson, Woman's Evangelistic Work.

WOMAN'S EVANGELISTIC WORK.

MISS CORDELIA ERWIN.

Last fall when I arrived at Choon Chun the missionaries and Koreans gave me such a warm welcome that I soon felt at home among them and have enjoyed the year very much.

Before Christmas I was able to visit all the Churches on one circuit and part of those on the other two circuits allotted to me, also to attend three of the tent meetings held in non-Christian villages. In the mornings and afternoons we would visit the women's quarters from house to house, preaching, teaching, giving out tracts, and selling Gospels. At night the villagers came and saw the pictures illustrating the Bible stories and heard the sermons in connection with them. In this way much seed was sown, and I pray the Father that in due time it may bring forth a harvest.

Immediately after Christmas came the woman's district class, and I had the privilege of studying the Word with two classes of women. At the close of the class came the opening of the Bible Institute, which continued for two months and a half. We had quite a number of the city women to enroll as day pupils, but owing to the severe cold weather which came at that time most of them fell away. We had an average daily attendance of about twenty. Mr. Vesey and Mr. Stokes, as well as the Korean pastor, helped us with the teaching. I very much enjoyed studying Kings and Jeremiah with two of the classes.

When school closed I spent April and May visiting all of the Churches on the three circuits allotted to me. I held two classes in the spring and three in the fall. I very much enjoyed meeting and knowing the women in these Churches, and the Christian fellowship was most delightful.

June was devoted to visiting in the homes in Choon Chun and getting the better-baby movement started there. We were much encouraged by the way the mothers responded and by the interest they took in it all. The success of it was mainly due to the way Dr. Anderson and his hospital assistants received and examined the babies, taking

steps to correct defects and instructing the mothers. For all these things we heartily thank the Lord.

DAY SCHOOLS.

MISS BESSIE HARDIE.

At our last annual meeting I was appointed to take charge of the five primary day schools for girls in the Choon Chun District and the woman's work in the Choon Chun Circuit. I therefore moved from Seoul to Choon Chun in October. This was the first time I had ever been to Choon Chun; and as I had heard glowing reports of the place from many other missionaries, I was naturally very eager to see it. I found it a very delightful station in which to live. My fellow missionaries were most kind, cordial, and helpful, and the natural beauties of the place were all that they had been described to be, so that I count the months spent here as most happy ones.

Of the five day schools for girls in this district, one is in the Choon Chun Station, and the others are situated in four of the magisterial towns in the district: Ka-Pyung, Wha-Chun, Hong-Chun, and In-Jay. They are all registered schools and, as regards building and equipment, are the best provided for of any schools of like grade in our mission; but, nevertheless, they do not come up to the government requirements in many respects, and we will not be allowed to carry them on permanently unless we bring them up to the required standard. One change that will have to be made very soon is in regard to our teachers. Up to this time we have employed two teachers for each school, one man and one woman; but we have been requested to employ Japanese teachers as well, and we should not evade this order much longer.

The course of study in the schools is much like that followed in the Japanese schools of primary grade, the main difference being that the Bible is included in our course. Each school has the four regular primary grades.

We have a total enrollment of one hundred and seventy-seven. Of our seventeen graduates, one has entered Carolina Institute and one Holston Institute.

After I had been in Choon Chun a few days, I made a visit to the Wha-Chun, In-Jay, and Hong-Chun schools. This was my first real country trip, so the experience of itinerating was new to me, as well as the country through which we went and the schools themselves.

The Choon Chun school, being near at hand, could, of course, be visited at any time; but I made only one other trip during the year to the other four schools. This second trip was made at the close of the school year, in the latter part of March, when the school commencements were held. Whenever necessary, however, the school-teachers came to Choon Chun to talk over matters with me, and I was in constant touch with them through correspondence. I may say here that the work entailed by these letters forms no small part of the labor of those in charge of country schools. We are called upon to give advice on numerous matters, large and small, to settle all sorts of troubles and disagreements which arise in the schools, and frequently we are also compelled to act as a shopping agency and buy up and send forth various articles of school equipment which cannot be secured in the country towns where the schools are located.

The Choon Chun Circuit is the smallest of the six circuits which go to make up this district; but though the territory is comparatively small, there are many heathen villages in it which have not as yet been reached by the gospel, and the work is in reality just begun. There are

only three churches in the circuit, the largest of these being the church in Choon Chun itself.

I made my first itinerating trip in November, seeing the two country churches for the first time and getting acquainted with the believers in the different villages to which we went. I found that one Church was getting along quite well, but the other was, and is, in very poor shape. On this trip I spent the larger portion of the time visiting with the Bible woman not only in the homes of the believers, but also in many heathen homes.

I regret that I cannot give a better report with regard to the amount of Bible study done by the Christian women of the Choon Chun Circuit during the past year. On my first itinerating trip, mentioned above, I distributed the home study course literature to those who were willing and able to receive it and asked them to study as much as possible during the coming months; but as far as I know, of the fourteen women enrolled at that time only two or three have studied the books given them. With regard to the women in the Choon Chun Church, it was our plan to devote one evening a week to Bible study, and we met together for that purpose several times before Christmas. Four classes were organized, and eighteen women were enrolled. But here, too, we failed to accomplish all that we had hoped; for it was thought best to give up the class during the three winter months while the Bible school was in progress, and in the spring the women were too busy about other things to attend. I trust that more may be accomplished along this line in the coming year.

From the 8th to the 13th of January the district class was held in Choon Chun, and on the following Monday the Bible school opened and was in progress until the latter part of March. I taught for one period a day in the district class and two periods a day in the Bible school. Five women from the Choon Chun Circuit studied in the Bible school, not including its two Bible women.

The first week in May I made a second trip in the Choon Chun Circuit, revisiting three of the places to which I had gone on my first trip and going also to one or two villages which I had not visited before. This second trip served to impress more deeply on my mind the feeling that something must be done to revive the spiritual life of those on this work who know of Christ and to make him known to the numbers who are yet in darkness. I would ask an interest in your prayers for this work.

WOMAN'S EVANGELISTIC WORK.

MISS BERTHA TUCKER.

I itinerated the two circuits, Hong-Chun and In-Jay, of the Choon Chun District, this year. I also taught three months in the Choon Chun Bible Institute. While in Choon Chun during the three winter months I taught a probationers' class of nineteen women preparatory to baptism.

A missionary society of twenty-six women was organized at the Choon Chun Church in January. This society is still growing and manifesting interest. They have been regular in paying their dues, and about nine yen has been collected. Each one of these women promised, soon after she joined, to become a personal worker in the city of Choon Chun. As a result of this one having been organized in the home Church a half dozen or more societies were organized in other Churches over the work.

Twenty women on my work received certificates on some part of the Church course. Thirty began to study this year who had not

been interested in the Church course before. Wherever we went the people were glad to see us and listened well to the preaching of the Word. Some new believers have been added to the Church in almost every place.

SONGDO DISTRICT.

APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Ellasue Wagner, Principal Holston Institute and Day Schools.
 Miss Lillian Nichols, Teacher, Holston Institute
 Miss Laura Edwards, City Woman's Evangelistic Work and Principal Joy Hardie Bible School.
 Miss Ida Hankins, Principal Mary Helm School.
 Miss Rosa Lowder, Superintendent of Nurses, Ivey Hospital.
 Miss Allene Pearce, Woman's Work on District.
 Miss Agnes Graham, City Evangelistic Work.

HOLSTON INSTITUTE.

MISS ELLASUE WAGNER AND MISS LILLIAN NICHOLS.

Although we have had our ups and downs, we are, nevertheless, able to say that the past has been a good year. Development and organization of the school work have been going steadily forward. Many things there are which are far from being what we hope they may yet become, but it is with thankful hearts that we realize that the general condition of the school is better than it has ever been before.

HIGH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

At the close of the school session in March we graduated twenty young women in the fifth class of the high school, making now fifty-nine Holston alumnae. It is interesting to note that of this number thirty-two are now teaching in our mission schools. The four who are taking kindergarten training at Ewa Haktang will finish their work in the spring, and we are hoping at that time to open three kindergartens, one in connection with each of the three Churches of the city, and are looking forward to the time when we may have a missionary who understands this work to superintend this important branch.

The faculty is composed of six Korean men, three of whom give half time to Holston, and two Japanese women, all of whom are doing faithful work. During the spring term there was a normal class for their benefit two nights each week, and during the summer several of our teachers attended the government normal training class in Seoul, which was very helpful.

Pastor Chung, from Wonsan, came to us in April and led the revival services. During one week all regular school work was suspended, and teachers and pupils gave it their entire time. We cannot say that the meeting accomplished all that we had hoped for; but the spiritual life of the school was deepened, and many were blessed and helped to a higher plane of living.

When Miss Head and Dr. Bennett were with us last year, they authorized the use of certain funds for putting in a water system and the installation of electric lights. In the past years, with only oil lamps and no fire protection in a four-story building filled with girls, we lived in constant fear of fire. We would here express our appreciation of Mr. Deal's splendid work in having made our water supply a reality, thus not only making the building safer against fire, but also aiding greatly in the problems of housekeeping and sanitation. Part of the home and school is wired for electricity, and the material for

completing it is in hand. The city electric company promises to have the plant finished in October.

At the beginning of the next school year, April, 1918, we expect to conform to the revised government regulations for private schools. This will shorten the curriculum to three years instead of four and will be welcomed by many parents who find it difficult to keep their daughters many years in school.

Pastor Sin, of North Ward Church, has been most kind and helpful. With his assistance seventeen girls were prepared for baptism and received into the Church.

INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.

Among all the departments of the school I believe there is none that is richer in opportunity or more effective in character-building than the Self-Help Department. This year the number of girls has increased from fourteen to twenty-one.

Although it is true that many of the girls who received help from the Scholarship Loan Fund are paying back faithfully according to their agreement, and we rejoice with them in doing this, still it will be much better to have our girls graduate free of debt and go forth unencumbered.

We can note improvement all along the line, but the most marked improvement is in the girls themselves, in their attitude toward the work, and in the quantity and quality of it. Their work has been very much complimented and has been quite popular. I have heard of several such departments that depend almost entirely on the American market for their sale of products. We may also have to do that when we grow larger, but at present we sell almost everything we make right here in Korea. This year our sales have amounted to 886.10 yen, and we have paid to the students for their work 432.83 yen.

Of the twenty-one girls in the department, thirteen paid the entire amount of board charged, 300 yen each per month; and of these thirteen, ten earned small sums above their board, the largest amounts being 10.45 yen, 10.99 yen, and 16.56 yen, respectively. All these amounts were deposited in the bank for these girls. Ten of them paid their own board, and the other three were helped but little in most cases. Of the eight who failed to either earn their board or pay it through their parents' assistance, only one girl owed more than 3.50 yen at the close of school.

All the boarders in school who are not paying the entire amount of board are in the Self-Help Department, except eighteen girls who entered school several years ago on the Scholarship Loan Fund, who are being allowed to complete their work according to the former agreement made with them. All of them pay two yen a month and borrow only one from the loan fund.

No student who is not able to pay her own way can get help from the school now except through the Self-Help Department. The requirement that such students have to take the regular four years' work of the high school in five years, studying through the morning and working in the afternoon, has safeguarded the department thus far, keeping out girls whose parents were really able to pay for them. Yet the real worth of the undertaking appeals to girls who are most worth while, and the department steadily grows in popularity.

The entire Industrial Department, including that of self-help, has been self-supporting this year.

We are proud of the girls for the splendid work they have done and are grateful for the privilege of helping them to help themselves.

CITY PRIMARY DAY SCHOOLS.

Realizing that in some measure, at least, the success and welfare of the high-school department of Holston Institute are dependent upon the success of the primary schools would cause us to use every means in our power for increasing their efficiency. But this is not the only incentive we have to give them of our best. Many girls in our conservative city, after finishing the course in the primary school, drop out altogether, being kept at home to be prepared for marriage. Because of this loss and because many of them marry into heathen homes, we are sometimes tempted to be discouraged; but, remembering Moses's career and that it was probably the influence of the teaching of his mother during his first six or seven years that bore such wonderful fruit in his later life, bringing him to his life decision to suffer with the people of God rather than enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season, we take courage. We know that these children, having come under the influence of Christian teaching, can never be the same again, and we pray that God will use them even in heathen homes to show forth his praise. So we are willing to plant the seeds and leave the results to the wise Master Gardener.

We are grateful for the splendid new primary school building we were enabled to build through the Council's generosity. It is on the Holston Institute compound. It was much needed and adds greatly to the efficiency of our system. We teach in it five grades, one preparatory and the four regular primary grades.

In our other two city primary schools, at East and South Wards, we teach only the preparatory and first grades. When the children finish there they come up to the primary school on our compound and enter the second grade.

During the year there have been enrolled two hundred and sixty-three students in all our primary schools in the city. This represents a gain of one hundred and fifty-six new students.

The wonderful door of opportunity that is opened through so many coming to us from unbelieving homes was in a limited way taken advantage of by our school visitor, a Korean woman who was for several years one of our teachers. She has done effective work, making three hundred and forty-three visits to the homes of the children who attend our schools. Following up the work done in the school, getting acquainted with the mothers in the homes, praying with them or exhorting them to believe are sure to yield fruit for the Master. We earnestly long for a missionary who can devote most of her time to superintending and doing just such work. It is a rich harvest field as yet almost untouched.

There have been some trials, but the Master has been very close and has spoken peace. To him we give the praise, and to Him who loves the little children we commit them.

COUNTRY SCHOOLS.

We have no country registered schools in the Songdo District; but the government having not yet formulated rules controlling *Kul Pangs*, we are still allowed to have these groups of children in connection with the Churches. We have ten of these groups where the Churches help to support the teachers and meet all the incidental expenses, fuel, etc., and take a great interest in their well-being and support. While it has been impossible for us to visit these places, our personal helper has made seven visits to those needing assistance, and by means of regular letters and reports we keep as closely in touch with them as we can.

With so little supervision it is, of course, impossible for these *Kul Pangs*, or groups, to become registered schools, and such is not our aim; but we think that they are of great help to the communities in which they are situated and that they are having a part, however small, in dispelling ignorance and superstition. The total enrollment was three hundred and twelve during the year.

MARY HELM SCHOOL.

MISS AGNES GRAHAM.

At the last annual meeting I was put in charge of the Mary Helm School for widows and married women. Seventy students have been enrolled during the year, with an average attendance of forty-two. At present we have forty-seven students, thirty of whom are boarders and seventeen of whom are day pupils. The teachers have done fine work, and the quality of work of the student body is steadily improving and has been especially satisfactory during the last two terms of the school year.

Mrs. Anderson has rendered valuable assistance in the Self-Help Department, teaching sewing in our school every Friday afternoon. A great revival was held, the results of which we are witnessing daily in the work of some of the students.

We have had sixteen conversions during the year among the students, and fifteen of them have received baptism and become Church members. An enthusiastic missionary society has been organized with a membership of forty-nine.

The second-, third-, and fourth-year students have assisted in the teaching in the Sunday schools of the city and in work among the unbelievers whenever possible. One of our greatest needs is that of a new dormitory. The crowded condition at present endangers the health of the students and decreases the efficiency of their work.

JOY HARDIE BIBLE SCHOOL AND CITY EVANGELISTIC WORK.

MISS LAURA EDWARDS.

I was so dazed by being suddenly plucked up from my quiet place in Choon Chun and dropped down in the city of Songdo last fall that it took me some time to find myself and my work and get adjusted, and, in fact, I do not feel that I have yet in any satisfactory way gotten hold of the situation here; but I have found much that even I with the Father's help could do. I have not proposed any reformation as to methods nor begun much new work, but have tried to build on the foundations already laid by those who before me worked along the line to which I was appointed.

First, we have conducted women's weekly Bible classes in each of the three Churches. The women at North Ward had already been organized by Mrs. Cram, and Misses Wagner and Nichols taught classes, and I helped by teaching two hours each week. Miss Graham and the Bible woman helped me with the South Ward class; and the East Ward class being small, the Bible woman was sufficient help. There have been enrolled in these classes during the year about seventy women in four grades, and of this number forty-three have completed a year's course and have received certificates. During this year it has been necessary to hold these classes in the different Church sections of the city, and consequently on different evenings; but we have decided that, beginning with this fall, they can be united in a building located in the center of the city, and thus they will require only one-third as much

of the workers' time, and the work will still be more interesting to the women.

We held the Bible institute for women of the city and country for three months, in fall and spring terms of six weeks each. In the institute there were thirty-two women, twenty-four of whom were from the country. They were studying in four grades. Mrs. Cram taught one hour daily in the fall term and Miss Pearce one hour during the spring term. Three Korean pastors also helped with the Bible-teaching, and my teacher, Chi Dal Won, taught arithmetic and writing. The women brought rice from their homes, and the *kimchi* was made and given by the Korean Churches of the district. We furnished the building, fuel, lights, and incidentals.

Immediately after the close of the institute the woman's short Bible class and a revival were held. There were fifty-eight enrolled for daily study in seven grades. As this class lasted only one week, we could secure more missionary help. Two presiding elders and Misses Wagner and Pearce each taught classes, and four Korean pastors helped. Brother Cram led the revival services at night, and we had a good meeting.

Shortly after Christmas, upon the urgent request of the young people and the North and South Ward pastors, we began some chorus and choir work, which has given them and me much pleasure. The Korean young people are so eager to learn to sing and make such good progress with a little help that it is a real joy to help them.

From the time I first went to Songdo I have given all the time I could to house-to-house visiting. I have visited most of the Christian homes in the city and about two hundred unchristian homes. The people generally have received me kindly, and some have gladly accepted the message and become good believers.

The year has been very full, and I have been very happy.

And now that the work is somewhat organized and has been promised the use of a building located in the center of the city where the women's classes, the choirs, and other lines of work can be united, I believe that whoever shall be appointed as city evangelist in Songdo for the new Conference year will be able to see much more accomplished for the kingdom than I have been able to realize this year.

WOMAN'S WORK.

MISS ALLENE PEARCE.

In the forty-one Churches and six groups in the Songo East District there are five hundred believing women and children, one hundred and eighty-five of whom can read and are enrolled in the Church Bible course for women. In each Church, or group, the women are organized into two classes, one to study the Bible under an appointed leader and one to study the Korean alphabet with a volunteer teacher from their own Church. The women have seemed eager to study the Word of God, and in the places which I have had the opportunity of visiting twice I have found them able to stand examination successfully, in one case answering every question with a verse of Scripture.

Two additional Bible women have been appointed to the district this year. One was transferred from another district, and one, on the recommendation of all who had taught her in the Bible school, was taken on trial and has reported new believers and reclaimed backsliders almost every month since she began to work. Of the seven Bible women employed on the district, one gives all her time to the work in East Ward Church and that great section of the city of Songdo still without God and without hope, and six are on the six country

districts, with from five to fourteen Churches each. Of the Bible women, three are still students in the Bible Institute, three are graduates, and one is a Mary Helm graduate. Most of them have done good and faithful work and have brought many souls into the kingdom this year.

I have traveled four hundred miles by pony and perhaps many miles more by rail in visiting the Churches, but the results well repay the effort. I have found that the visit of the missionary is to the country Churches what the visit of the Conference officer is to the auxiliary at home—a source of inspiration and encouragement. They feel more a part of the great body of believers and learn to “attempt great things for God and expect great things from God.” In my visiting I have not been able to find a great many who could leave their homes and babies and come to Songdo to study in our various Bible classes. The visit of the missionary is their opportunity to study the Word. Many of these, His little ones, are poor and ignorant, but, in the words of James ii. 5: “Hearken, my beloved brethren; did not God choose them that are poor as to the world to be rich in faith, and heirs to the kingdom which he promised to them that love him?”

Owing to illness, I was unable to hold all the country classes I had planned, but I taught in the six weeks' winter Bible Institute and the spring class for city women. The missionary society at East Ward Church has continued almost without foreign supervision for the last six months, and the women seem more and more interested.

IVEY HOSPITAL, NURSES' DEPARTMENT.

MISS ROSA LOWDER.

This report in point of time covers one year and a half, as I did not give a report at our last annual meeting. Upon my arrival in Songdo on February 14, 1916, I soon realized that “my lines had fallen in pleasant places.” For three months I devoted my time to the study of the language. On May 18 Miss Harris left us for her furlough, and for one month following her departure I did hospital work in the mornings and studied in the afternoons. In June an accident to my eye compelled me to become a patient. Many and weary were the days of pain, but through it all I realized more than ever before that God is good and able to strengthen. Everything possible was done for my comfort and recovery. Dr. Reid was most faithful and untiring in doing everything he could to give me the best vision possible, but I realize that it was the prayers of many that aided him in his efforts. I wish to take this opportunity of speaking a word of appreciation in behalf of Miss Pearce's kindness to me. I can never repay by word or deed her self-sacrificing spirit in giving up her time for a month and a half that she might be my eyes and thus bring light to me in the midst of darkness.

From October through December I helped in a general way with the hospital work, but since that time I have tried to apply myself more diligently both to the duties of the hospital and to the study of the language.

At present in the Nurses' Department we have four graduate nurses, two men and two women, and six in training, three men and three women. Our youngest man nurse came to us last November an unbeliever, but he was not with us long before he became a Christian. Our youngest woman nurse has been in uniform only a few days. She is a graduate of Holston Institute of this year's class. We were glad to have her enter our training school, as it is very hard to get young women of her educational advantages who wish to enter the nursing

field. The nurses as a whole are doing faithful work. We are thankful to report that the health of all the nurses has been good.

The blessings of God have been bountiful; but while we are most thankful for them and take courage, we cannot but regret many failures on our part. It is my prayer that God may use me mightily in witnessing for him during the coming year.

WONSAN DISTRICT.

APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Hallie Buie, Principal Lucy Cuninggim School.
Miss Kate Cooper, Principal Alice Cobb Bible School.
Miss Alice Dean Noyes, City Work and Hospital-Visiting.
Miss Bertha Tucker, Woman's Work, West District.
Miss Grace McCubbins, Language Study.

LUCY CUNINGGIM GIRLS' SCHOOL.

MISS HALLIE BUIE, PRINCIPAL.

The longer I stay in Korea, the more do I realize that one of the greatest privileges of the missionaries is to help prepare the future leaders in our work among the Koreans. With this thought in view, I have spent most of my time this year in trying to develop the character of the girls and teachers with whom I have been associated every day. Our Father has been very near, and I praise him for the strengthening of the faith of many. It is indeed a great joy to know and to feel that they are learning to know more and more of our Saviour.

During the year we have enrolled one hundred and five pupils. We still have nine grades in the school. I praise our Father for the faithful faculty and the matron of the school, who spends every afternoon visiting in the homes of the children and is such an inspiration and help to the mothers. We continue our Mothers' Club, which is bringing the school into closer touch with the homes and giving the gospel to the mothers, many of whom are heathen.

In addition to my work in the school, I have taught a Bible class in one of the weekly cottage Bible classes in the city. I also have a singing class for the young men in the Church. This class meets twice a week and helps to keep the young men interested in the Church. Nearly all of our teachers, some of the large girls, and I teach in the Sunday afternoon Sunday school for heathen children, and our smaller girls are faithful in gathering in the heathen children, who find it hard to remember just which day is Sunday. During the year five of our high-school girls have received baptism and joined the Church. We are so thankful for these young lives given to the Master's service.

For the joys and the trials of the year I thank our Heavenly Father. He has made both to become blessings, and I feel that our Saviour is nearer and dearer to all of us who are working in the school than he has ever been before.

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

MISS KATE COOPER.

This year while working for the Master in Wonsan and the country villages I have been impressed more than ever that the one supreme need of the mass of the people is Jesus Christ, and the one supreme need of those who have claimed the name of Jesus Christ is the Bible. So, trying to be obedient to this heavenly vision, I have spent the days

of the past year preaching Jesus Christ and teaching the Bible. God has been good to give me health and strength to minister for him, and I thank him for his presence and guidance.

BIBLE CLASSES IN CITY AND COUNTRY.

The new year's work was opened last September by our union general class for women. The Presbyterians and Methodists had about equal attendance, the total being one hundred and twenty. The morning sessions and all the classes were held in the Methodist church and all the night services in the Presbyterian church. On the last Sunday of our class we had a union meeting of all the Churches and together partook of the Lord's Supper, a most impressive service to the countrywomen, some of whom had never partaken of the Lord's Supper before. In their testimonies they told of a new realization of the meaning of Christ's sacrifice that had come to them as they knelt in prayer while the sacrament was being administered.

Our Monday evening classes, held in the various neighborhoods of the city, have been a help to the women. Some of the missionaries have taught, and the students of the Bible school were appointed to these classes as one form of their practical work.

In the country during the spring and fall I held seventeen women's classes of several days each. The women studied diligently, and over fifty certificates for the completion of the regular course were given, also forty-nine cards for the completion of one study of the Bible course.

ALICE COBB BIBLE INSTITUTE.

For three months during the winter we held a Bible institute in union with the Presbyterians. Sixty women were enrolled, six of whom were graduated April 5. At the closing exercises we had a processional. The women marched in singing "Holy, holy, holy." It was surprising to see how well the women did, when some of them had never been to school before they entered the Bible school at the age of forty or more. One of the members of the graduating class gave a splendid outline of the books of Daniel and Revelation. From the Amos class we had the prophet's message put into a night message of fifty characters and also into a telegram of only ten characters. Some days before I had asked the women studying Amos to condense the book and write it in the form of a telegram of ten characters. On entering the study one morning I was surprised to find on my desk a telegram properly folded and stamped, just as if it had come from the office. Eager to see the contents, I began to examine it and found that it was from Amos of Tekoa to the people of Israel, warning them of the threatened destruction and urging them to prepare to meet their God.

Since working with the Presbyterians we have had a larger corps of teachers. Most all the ladies in the station helped us last winter, and in that way the women got a variety of teaching which made the study of the Scriptures more vivid and interesting. Above all, we are thankful to God for the way in which he illumines his Word for the older women, who find it very hard to learn arithmetic or other school subjects. At present we have a five-year course which covers the whole Bible.

ITINERATING.

Like Paul, there often comes to my heart a longing to see again the Christians I have visited before as well as those I hear about, but have not seen. This spring I met a rare soul, an old lady seventy-one years old, who is the only Christian in her village. She goes about ten li

to Church service; but if snow or rain prevents, she has service all alone. For the opening she stands and sings, repeats the Apostles' Creed, then kneels in prayer, after which she repeats the Lord's Prayer. She has her sermon, then stands for the doxology, bows her head for the benediction, and kneels for a moment in silent prayer. I counted it quite a privilege to go to this dear woman's home and join her in a prayer service. On my last trip to Yang Yang I found that my hunchback friend, sixty-nine years old, had been anxiously awaiting my coming, for she had been sowing the seed and felt that the reaping needed to be done and a Church established. There were some she thought just ready to make the decision for Jesus. Nine decided the first day we visited in the village, and one of the women who had been a Christian before offered her house for service; so we started the Church on Wednesday night. The next day five more decided to believe. Three Christian women from the Church in the adjoining village went down and led the service. The Church continues to grow, but we need some men in it. Every time I go to the country and see the number of heathen villages and the number of heathen in the places where there are churches I feel that there is yet much to be done.

I thank God for the faithful Bible women he has given me. They are becoming more and more established in the faith as they surmount difficulties and endure the hardships they meet in the work.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

Several days ago we had one of the most interesting missionary societies it was ever my privilege to attend. It was our first Annual Conference Society meeting for the women in the Wonsan territory. During the year we had organized societies in the country Churches, and the women had been holding monthly meetings, using the programs prepared by the committee, and had been giving of their means according as the Lord has prospered them. The reports from these various auxiliaries in the country were full of hope and inspiration. The two Bible women who had been sent out by the society were present and gave a report of the work they had done. Last fall there were present at our general Bible class and missionary society six women who had been brought into the Church by our two missionaries. The presence of these women, showing the fruits of their labors, was quite an impetus in the organizing of new societies in the country Churches.

The Treasurer reported 90 yen having been spent during the year, with a balance of 59 yen. Two workers were sent out for two months in the fall and two in the spring, and their board bills were paid while they studied three months in the Bible school. The women took a new step and appropriated, outside the money for the two workers as before, 20 yen to be used for four women's expenses while they travel a month with a regular Bible woman in the heathen villages of four of our circuits.

Thanking God for all the blessings of the past year, I look forward to a better year, claiming his promise in Isaiah lviii. 10, 11: "And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul: then shall thy light rise in darkness, and thine obscurity be as the noonday; and the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in dry places, and make strong thy bones; and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not."

PRIMARY DAY SCHOOLS.

MISS EVA HARDIE.

At our last annual meeting I was appointed to take charge of all the primary day schools for girls in the Wonsan District. They were

at that time seven in number, four being situated in or near Wonsan, while the remaining three were far down the east coast of Korea.

The four schools near Wonsan have done good work during the past year. At Wyodong we have had forty children on roll, with an average attendance of thirty-five. An epidemic of measles this spring caused the attendance to decrease for a time, but on the whole it has been very good. This school has done especially well in the matter of self-support and has furnished an example to the other schools in this respect. In each of the schools there is a tuition fee of from five to ten sen a month, but it is frequently very hard to get the children to pay the fee. In the Wyodong school, however, such a large per cent of the tuition was collected that the children bought nearly all the coal used during the past winter and, in addition, supplied money for all the incidentals needed from time to time. I found that incidentals furnished with Korean money lasted longer than those bought with our money and noticed that the children who paid tuition attended school more regularly than those who did not.

The Choong-Li school has had an average attendance of thirty. At the close of the school year in March we had four graduates from this school. One of these entered the Lucy Cuninggim School, while three went into a government school near by. The attendance at Choong-Li will never be large on account of this government school.

The Tuenam-Li school has had a most successful year. I think we could easily secure sixty or seventy children there if we only had a schoolroom large enough to accommodate that many, but thus far we have been able to take in only thirty-five or forty. Mr. Cooper has kindly offered us a part of his new church in which to teach, but we will be able to use this building only a short while.

The Sung-Buk school made gratifying progress during the past year. Soon after my arrival last fall the people of the village began to urge me to procure a new school building, promising that if we gave it they would send their children to school. The average attendance at that time was only twenty-five, owing to our poor accommodations for school work. Finally in the spring we were able to comply with their request and procured a building and at the same time secured a splendid teacher with a government school certificate, and since then until the school closed for the summer excellent work was done. The daily attendance increased to forty, and in addition we held a night school for some of the older people in the village. This night school had an enrollment of fifteen, and I am happy to be able to report that already four of the men attending it have asked to join the Church. The interest taken by the people of this village in both the Church and school has been most encouraging to us.

I regret that I cannot give an equally favorable report with regard to the coast schools. When I first took charge of them, I found that they were all three struggling along very unsuccessfully and failing to come up to what could be considered a proper standard of efficiency. There were several reasons for this.

At Moolchi the trouble appeared to be that the school was too far away from headquarters to receive the necessary supervision, and it seemed to be impossible to find a teacher strong enough to meet the situation there and keep the school in good working order. I talked the matter over with the other members of the Wonsan Station, and we finally decided that it would be wiser to close the school, at least until we were able to procure a reliable teacher for it and, what is equally important, a safe place for her to board.

The Kang-Sung school closed of itself at the end of the school year in April. Most of the parents were too poor to send their children

longer. One of the girls, however, went to the Songdo school, and one came to Wonsan to attend the school here.

At Sympung the Japanese government put up a school; and as a large number of our pupils went over to the school, we were compelled to close down. It did not pay us to keep a teacher for the few remaining ones. To repay us for the loss of these schools a primary school was opened at Choo-Dong in April with nineteen children. The people of the village have been asking for a school for several years, and we thought it would be best to grant their request. They gave us a house; and if the Japanese do not interfere, we have the prospect of a good school there.

I was able to pay only one visit to the coast schools before they were shut down, but as far as it has been possible I have visited the schools in and about Wonsan once a week. I have also visited frequently in the homes of the school children. The mothers appreciated the visits, and I believe they have had much to do with the good attendance in our schools. The course of study in all of the schools is the one used in the primary department of the Lucy Cuninggim School, so that the children who finish one of our schools are able to enter there at once and continue their studies without any delay.

All the children are compelled to attend the Church and Sunday school services, and every absence takes a certain amount from their grades. In April I adopted the card system used in the Lucy Cuninggim and found it very successful, as the children try very hard to avoid receiving a black mark on their cards.

Altogether I feel very much encouraged over the progress made during the past year, and I believe that the schools are on a better working basis than they were at the beginning of the year.

In addition to my work in the day schools, I have had a singing class among the older girls of the Lucy Cuninggim, which I have enjoyed very much. The interest shown by the girls has made it a real pleasure to teach them. During the first three months of the year I taught for two periods a day in the Union Bible School. This work was a source of joy and blessing to me. I have also had charge of a Bible class which Miss Cooper gave me when I first went to Wonsan; and although I have taught the class irregularly, it was a great pleasure to me to meet with the women from time to time.

I have enjoyed every year spent in Korea, but this past year has been the best of them all, and I thank God for his ever-increasing goodness to me.

STATISTICS FOR THE ORIENT, 1917-18.

INSTITUTIONS, OUTSTATIONS, ETC.	Missionaries.	Foreign Teachers.	Native Teachers.	ENROLLMENT.			Patients.
				Boarders.	Day Pupils.	Total.	
CHINA.							
McTyeire School, Shanghai *	7	2	14	277		277	
Susan B. Wilson School, Sungkiang.	12		6	79	44	121	
Hayes-Wilkins Bible School, Sungkiang.	12		2	25		25	
Outstation Work, Shanghai District*	1		8				
Laura Haygood School, Soochow*	4	3		88	36	124	
Woman's Medical School, Soochow.	1			10			
Mary Black Hospital, Soochow.	12	1					5,908
Nurse-Training School, Soochow.	1						
Senah Staley Kindergarten, Soochow*		1				30	
Kindergarten Training School, Soochow*	1	1	3			101	
Davidson Girls' School, Soochow*	3		10	165		165	
Day Schools, West Soochow (4).	1		15		160	160	
Moka Garden Embroidery Miss., Soochow*	2						
Woman's Evan. Wk. and Kin., Kong Hong	1		3		90	90	
Woman's Work, West Soochow*	1						
Soochow District Bible School*	1					20	
Outstations, Soochow District (5)*.	1		5		180	180	
North Gate, Changchow*	2						
Outstations, Changchow (East Gate)*.	12		1		60	60	
Virginia School, Huchow.	5	1	6	80	12	98	
Day Schools, Huchow (3).	12		8		136	136	
Bible Teachers' Training School, Nanking.	1						
Missionaries on furlough.	3						
Total.....	46	9	81	724	718	1,587	5,908
JAPAN.							
Lambuth Mem. Bible Train. School, Kobe	3		13	16	2	18	
Woman's Evangelistic Work, Oita*	3						
Missionaries on furlough.	2						
Total.....	8		13	16	2	18	
KOREA.							
Carolina Institute, Seoul.	2		15	28	116	144	
Evangelistic Work, Seoul*.	1				36	36	
Day Schools, Seoul (4)*.	1		8		511	511	
Evangelistic Work, Chulwon District*	1		2		53	53	
Woman's Evan. Work, Choon Chun*	2				183	183	
Day Schools, Choon Chun District (5).	1		10		175	175	
Holston Institute, Songdo*	2		8	56	42	98	
City Day Schools, Songdo (5)*.	1		10		169	169	
Mary Helm School, Songdo*	1		4		50	50	
Evangelistic Work, Songdo*.	2						
Woman's Evan. Work, Wonsan (D. Shs., 5)*	1		9		116	116	
Alice Cobb Bible School, Wonsan*	1				81	81	
Lucy Cunningham School, Wonsan*	2		9	130	7	137	
Industrial School, Wonsan*	1		1				
Missionaries in Hospital Work.	3						
Missionaries on furlough.	2						
Total.....	24		77	214	1,539	1,753	

NOTE.—The above statistics are incomplete. Questionnaires were sent to the fields early in November; but owing to the fact that very few of these were returned to the office and a number of annual reports have not yet been received, it has been impossible to give accurate figures in every instance. The figures for institutions marked with * were taken from last year's reports. The number of Bible women is not given, because the majority of missionaries who reported failed to incorporate the number of Bible women in their reports.

BRAZIL.

MISS ELIZA PERKINSON, SECRETARY.

We began the year with twenty-three missionaries actively engaged in the work of the Council in Brazil and five on furlough in the homeland. We had under our care five boarding schools, two day schools, and evangelistic work in Sao Paulo. Before the end of the first quarter Miss Blanche Howell had been transferred to the People's Central Institute, in Rio de Janeiro, and Miss Richmond had resigned and returned to the United States.

The work at the different stations began under favorable conditions and gave promise of success. There was a spirit of earnest devotion among the workers, and each one, in her own way, seemed anxious to give her best to her Lord. The Secretary visited some of the schools, consulted and advised those who were in charge, and helped in every way possible to make the work pleasant and profitable. Some of the schools have enrolled during this year the largest number of pupils in their history. The development along various lines has been marked, and we note with keen satisfaction the fact that the standard of work done is higher than it was a year ago.

We have met many difficulties as the weeks passed by. In Piracicaba there was serious illness among the workers, and the ladies stationed there carried for weeks a burden of anxiety as well as multiplied duties. Miss Elerding has had a long and trying case of jaundice. We praise our Father that all are practically restored to health and are ready and eager to take up work again after vacation. At Conference Miss Holt was transferred from Petropolis to Piracicaba, and Miss Glenn announced her intention of returning to the United States. I was appointed her successor, though she kindly consented to continue her work until the time for leaving the field in September.

Misses Epps and Ferguson returned to the field in September, released Miss Hyde from school work, and took over my classes, that I might have time for the office work of secretary in addition to my duties as principal.

On the 25th of the month the missionary party—Misses Hyde, Jarrett, Alexander, and Glenn—sailed from Rio for New York. I knew we would miss them all, but Miss Glenn's absence would touch the whole mission rather than a single station. The thought of the inheritance she had left me filled me with apprehension. She understood the work and workers in every school, while I only knew Petropolis. I should miss her advice when difficulties arose there, and how could I be of service to the missionaries in their work? Soon a letter from the Secretary in Nashville informed me that I had been released from travel and from all responsibility in the other schools, and that hereafter the Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Council in Brazil would be appointed to active work in the mission, as is the case in all other fields. This action of the Council is very much appreciated.

Nothing has yet been secured for the Rio school. I have been much concerned over this and do pray that ere long God in his love and wisdom will reveal to us the place we believe he has been preparing for us during all these weary months of watching and waiting. It is hard to be patient, and the delay seems too grievous to be borne, and yet we would do His will, not our own.

According to instructions received by cable, I attended the meeting of the University Federation in Sao Paulo in December. Those who were present were earnest and efficient men and women. We believe

the proposed plans will do much toward broadening the scope and usefulness of Protestant schools in Brazil.

I have just received the communication from the Executive Committee concerning the Brazilian Missionary Society. As soon as possible I will translate it and put a copy into the hands of each of the Conference officers of the organization.

The question of reports for the Missionary Centenary Campaign is receiving most earnest and careful consideration. We want much for our field, and we are asking largely. We do so, however, recognizing the world conditions and ready to face delay, should the wars of principalities and powers interfere with plans made for the advancement of God's kingdom in the world.

PEOPLE'S CENTRAL INSTITUTE, RIO DE JANEIRO.

MISS BLANCHE E. HOWELL.

This institution was opened ten years ago and embraces seven departments—the department of instruction; department for deaf and dumb; department of physical education, recreation, and social work; medical dispensary; dental department; Seamen's Mission; department of worship and religious instruction.

While at the beginning of the year we were facing some very serious problems, at its close we can say that the year has been a successful one and that many people are truly interested in the welfare of the institution and are willing to help it. If it had not been for kind friends who realized the importance of the work enough to help us with money and their time and labor, as well as their prayers, much that we have done would have been an impossibility. His presence also has been very real to the workers during the year.

Some changes have been made in the disposition of rooms, so the building presents a more pleasing aspect, though much remains to be done before it will look as we desire to have it. The school has accommodations for one hundred and fifty pupils and employs five teachers. We were obliged to refuse matriculation to many who wished to enter. One hundred and forty-eight took the final examinations. About four hundred attended the closing festa and exposition of sewing.

In the night school, in addition to the regular course, there are English and embroidery classes and classes for deaf-and-dumb pupils. The attendance at day and night schools is about two hundred and fifty, more or less, seventy-five girls having been in the sewing classes. Many garments were made and taken home after the exposition.

Two clubs were organized this year, one for factory girls and a Mothers' Club. The club for factory girls met every Friday evening. Practical lessons on hygiene and health have been given; things that are worth while in life have been considered; many evenings have been spent, in part, singing our hymns. Sometimes we have a social evening which the girls greatly enjoy. From twenty minutes to half an hour is spent in the gymnasium. Some of these girls have been in factories since they were eight and nine years old, and the majority of them cannot read or write. Some friends gave me the money to matriculate seven in the night school. Think of girls ranging from sixteen to twenty-three years of age for the first time learning to write their names! It must be remembered that many of this district are obliged to earn their living at an early age. The small amount earned is given to the mother or father to be placed in the general family fund and used as deemed necessary by the parents, even though the child who earned the money may be without shoes and, therefore, obliged to walk the long distance to the factory, as a person without

shoes cannot ride on the street cars. The club has been the means of interesting the girls in the welfare of each other and has given me an opportunity to know their needs. Several outings were thoroughly enjoyed by the girls. We have used the opportunity to interest them in our religious services, and five are now candidates for Church membership. The attendance has varied from twenty-two to thirty-two. These girls have shown remarkable improvement in their behavior. They earn so little that the majority of them do not have enough to eat.

Hearing that one of the girls was sick, I went to her room and found her in a small room with one window, which was in front of a stone wall. In this room six members of the family sleep. When the girl was first taken sick they were living in a basement and moved here because the girl was sick, although they did not know how they could meet the expense. You would be horrified at the condition in which I found her. For many weeks she was very ill. We did everything for her, furnishing medical attention and food and giving her the attention that a trained nurse would give. You can imagine how I longed for a nice airy room to which to move her, but we had no place. At the time this girl was sick I was caring for a boy who was suffering very much with a pain in his side which may prove to be tubercular trouble. The doctor said he needed plenty of air, and yet his bed was in the dining room in front of the kitchen door, on a trunk, with his feet hanging off on a chair placed at the foot of the trunk. Cases similar to this make it imperative for us to have a building on our grounds where we can care for the sick who do not need a hospital and where the convalescent ones can have proper attention until they are strong enough to be about.

The Mothers' Club, which meets every two weeks, has had an attendance of from sixteen to thirty. We have discussed practical questions in regard to good health and household management. For three months a trained nurse gave lessons on first aid to the injured, the treatment of diseases common to children, and the care of young girls. Several times we brought a bed down into the parlor and gave lessons in making a bed for the sick, the changing of bedding with a sick person in it, and the giving of the bath to a patient. The women have been very grateful for these lessons, and I am glad to say that I have found some of them putting in practice what they have learned.

Sometimes music has been furnished by friends in the city. Instead of having fixed dues, the women suggested that we take up a collection each time to be used for those who need medicine or food, and we have been surprised by the good collections. There have been many demands on this fund. One member joined the Church recently, and two of her children are candidates for Church membership. This last week, I am sorry to relate, one member decided to take her life because of unhappy conditions in family life and poured kerosene over her clothing and set herself on fire. She was terribly burned before her husband succeeded in putting out the fire. While writing this report I have received the news of her death.

During the year many visits have been made by Bible women and teachers in the Sunday school, and each teacher has gone with me many times to visit the families represented in the school, with the purpose of inviting the people to our religious services. We have always been well received and have received invitations to go to certain houses. Many times I have been unable to go because some sick one has demanded my attention. On an ordinary day, not a club day, not less than three hundred and fifty come under the direct influence of some of our workers at the institution itself; on other days, four hundred to four hundred and fifty. The majority of cases that come to the dispensary, according to the doctor's report, are ill because of lack of food.

One meal a day is probably the rule of the greater number. Our physician says that the best we can do for them is to feed them.

Our Church services, which are held in a part of our gymnasium building, have been increasing in attendance during the year. I have been organist for all the services and have had the primary class, with an average attendance of twenty-six. For three months we have been having an outdoor vesper service, which has had an attendance of from eighty to one hundred. Until you can send us a missionary to take the supervision of the school, I shall try to do it and also have a normal class for the teachers in the school, though it will mean that some other important work must go undone. Our plan is to erect a building near our present one, which will contain four large rooms with rolling partitions, so that we may have a large assembly room. Then we will have seven good schoolrooms, and we need them now. As soon as possible we need a building for the sick and convalescent, and also one for a day nursery and children's home. It is thought best that I should take care of the social work, convalescent home, and the day nursery, being known as nurse-deaconess, and that the Council send a missionary who can take charge of the department of instruction in the school. A large two-story building for sailors and officers will soon be erected and also one for our religious work. There is plenty of ground for these buildings.

Many are the different persons applying for positions, and no little time has been given in helping such to find work. Not only Brazilians, but English and Americans, have sought our help for this purpose. Much clothing has been distributed, and American and English friends have made sheets, pillowcases, and nightgowns, which we lend to those who are ill.

The opportunities are very great. Much has been done that time will not permit us to tell. I have served on the committee which gives a social evening to sailors and officers and also on the charity committee of the Ladies' Aid Society, composed of English and Americans, which is a kind of united charity society to help people of all nationalities needing help.

In closing I want to thank you for the encouraging letters which have been received and for the faithful ones who have remembered us in their prayers.

COLLEGIO AMERICANO, PETROPOLIS.

APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Eliza Perkinson, Principal; Miss Helen Johnson, Miss Eva L. Hyde, Miss Lydia Ferguson, Miss Leila F. Epps.

Another year has slipped away, and once more I must write you of the busy round of commonplace duties which fill our daily lives. On the whole, we have had a good year. The work has gone on systematically and regularly. The boarding department was comfortably full the first term and overfull the second. During the first five months there was not a physician in our house nor a prescription written for anything worse than a wart. Not a girl withdrew from school during the entire term. It was an unusual occurrence, and we were perhaps too well pleased with our record.

In any case, during the second term our pride suffered a fall, and doctors and medicine bills have been as regular as any of our other expense accounts. Miss Hyde, our splendid Miss Hyde, was the first to break the health record; then we developed an epidemic of influenza among the girls. We fought it valiantly, but Petropolis weather was against us, and we did not succeed in exterminating the evil until vacation. We had to call a doctor during the very last week of school.

At such times we soon discover who's who, how much of the home training we have given and the spirit of sympathy and loving helpfulness we have tried to develop in our girls have been effective. I am so glad that some of them have measured up to a high standard and regret that I cannot say as much for all.

During the year fifty-seven pupils were matriculated, thirty of whom were boarders and twenty-seven day pupils. Thirty-six were members of the Sunday school and Bright Jewel Society. The girls are helping in the Red Cross and contributing to the Domestic Mission Fund also. In all their undertakings they have had the loyal support and friendship of their teachers. The school has been very fortunate in having a force of teachers who were sincerely interested in the work and earnestly endeavored to obtain the best results.

Unfortunately, the work of our Bible woman has been suspended for months because we could not secure a woman who could take it. This is a calamity, because our Church needs it. I trust that every woman who reads this report will join us in prayer that our efforts to find just the right worker will be successful.

Miss Holt was with us until the Conference in July, when she was transferred to Piracicaba. In September Miss Hyde returned to the States, and Misses Ferguson and Epps came to share the burdens and blessings of the Americano de Petropolis.

The home feeling in the school is delightful, and the family gatherings around the hearthstone are helpful. One of our great blessings has been the feeling of friendship among our teachers and the loyalty of each to the others.

The work of the year is done, and we leave it with our Master, regretting that so little has been accomplished when there was so much more that should have been done.

COLLEGIO ISABELLA HENDRIX, BELLO HORIZONTE.

APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Emma Christine, Principal; Miss Mary Baxter, Miss Maud Mathis, Miss Lela Putnam.

The first half of this year ran its course without any special excitement, and the second would doubtless have done the same had it not been for the preparations for the closing *festas*, which were begun in October. After this there was the usual time of stress and strain which *festas* bring, with an additional amount this year, for we had resolved to prepare for two occasions. The first was to be given in the Municipal Theater, in benefit of the local hospital and the Italian Red Cross. This festival, in which one hundred children took part, was pronounced a great success by the pleasure-loving people of Bello Horizonte, and it should have been so, for there were real artists at work on the programs. From the proceeds each of the above-named institutions received fifty dollars. We can neither knit nor sew for lack of time, so we took this means of contributing a mite toward the world's need. The following night, in the school chapel, the members of the graduating class of 1917 received their diplomas. There were but three in this class, but they did excellent work and made themselves so agreeable generally that we were very sorry to part with them.

Looking back a bit, the financial problem has given us much concern throughout the year. Payments have come in slowly, and it has been necessary to administer the funds with the utmost care in order to avoid debt. Thankful are we to be able to report a penny balance at the end of the year. Where prices were double last year, they are triple this year and are still on the upward trend. We have not attempted anything like repairs and improvements except a new tennis

court, with the help of private subscriptions, a small house for plants, and a poultry lot. There is a division fence that needs rebuilding, but we cannot do it now.

My work is varied; and were it confined to the general direction of the school, it would be comparatively easy. But it is necessary for me to teach, and that cripples the work of direction. This year I have had three Bible classes, one English class, and one physical culture class. Next year Miss Putnam, who will be entering on her second year, can take more classroom work, and in this way I hope to have less.

Miss Baxter has carried successfully a heavy program in the higher grades, coming to the close of the year fairer and fatter than she was at the beginning, so there was no harm done. Miss Mathis has had charge of the manual-training class for boys and also the sewing and embroidery classes. A fine exhibit at the close of school showed that she and her department had not been idle. As new work for next year we are planning to begin a domestic science class under her direction. Judging by the way some of the young husbands are scrambling to matriculate their wives, this will be a large and popular class.

Scanning the year's work once more, my thoughts revert to the Sunday school, which has been a source of much pleasure and satisfaction to me. Enthusiasm and attendance have advanced hand in hand. On Rally Day we had an attendance of one hundred and sixty-five, and our collection amounted to twelve dollars and a half. On Decision Day nearly one hundred signed cards signifying their decision for Christ or renewal of consecration to Him. The influence of this day was so great among the girls of the boarding department that a students' prayer meeting was organized, two girls entered the class of candidates for Church membership, and the spiritual atmosphere of the school was greatly improved. The Sunday school is gaining an ever-stronger hold on the minds of the people here; little by little they are learning what it stands for. The new minister is a good Sunday school worker and has helped much in strengthening the school.

The Woman's Home Mission Society of the local Church raised one hundred and seventy-five dollars to paint the outside of the church and the fence. Our church property has for a long time had a very neglected appearance, but now we hope to keep it in good repair so that there may be no more talk of its reverting to the city council.

COLLEGIO PIRACICABANO, PIRACICABA.

APPOINTMENTS.

Miss L. A. Stradley, Principal; Mrs. F. K. Brown, Miss Sophia Schalh, Miss Rachel Jarrett, Miss Mary Sue Brown, Miss Nancy Holt, Miss Sara Stout.

We have cause to be thankful for what God has done for us this year in Collegio Piracicabano. Our enrollment has been far in excess of any year in its history, the boarding department was large, there were more Church members than ever before, and finances were good. Of these Church members, nine united with the Church this year, and there are fourteen or fifteen candidates who, because of family opposition or for other reasons, have not yet been received into the Church.

Three-fourths of the twenty thousand dollars used for running the school came from the field. We were forced to make extensive repairs, and but for this we would have gotten close to the problem of self-support. The repairs were made necessary by shrinkage in the roof timbers of the Martha Watts Annex (no one who has not looked after buildings under tropical suns and rains can understand this) and by the weakening of a wall in the old part. I took advantage of rebuilding this wall to place it ten feet farther out, giving a strong wall

to face storms coming from the sea and enlarging our kitchen on the ground floor and our teachers' bedrooms on the second floor.

While I cannot say that all of our teachers are evangelical Christians, I can say that they are in hearty sympathy with us and are clean and upright. Those who board in the home are active Christians, with the exception of one, whom we have had three months for the express purpose of bringing her to Christ, she having asked to be received on a nominal salary so that she might get a deeper insight into our faith. All the others are active workers in school and Church. One is District Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society of Brazil, and her district is eight hundred miles long. She also organizes anti-tobacco and anti-alcoholic leagues among boys and young men. Another is superintendent of our Central Sunday School, and still another supervisor of suburban Sunday schools in Piracicaba. This suburban Sunday school work is very interesting. Mrs. Brown has worked up and carried on for years a class of young women outside of our school, principally Normal School students, and has given them all the normal Sunday school training she could and some ideas of institutional work. These young women are becoming workers. They have organized Sunday schools in four of the suburbs of Piracicaba, and early every Sunday morning they go out two and two, accompanied by some reliable Christian young man from my class as protector, and carry on these schools. There are now in the Piracicaba Sunday schools about four hundred pupils. These young people also do visitation work, distribute tracts and Gospels, and accompany the pastor on his semimonthly visits to the county jail. Last year, during the fever scourge, they gave brave and valuable service.

In school work we have not reached our ideals, and I hope we never shall, but there has been a great deal of good work done. One year ago our school was given a vote in the *Federacao Universitaria Evangelica*, and during the year we received visits of inspection from Dr. Waddell, Chancellor of the Federation, and Drs. Teter, Browning, and Inman. These gentlemen all gave us much encouragement and said some very nice things to us. On the 17th of this month I was again present at the meeting of the Council of the Federation. I felt that I was greatly profited and resolved to modify and raise my ideals. The spirit of the meeting was very fine. I am quite sure that you would not have been humiliated by the comparison of the work done in your schools with that done by those of other mission boards. I also found that the grading in our schools is higher and more exacting than in any others represented. I believe that by a little change in nomenclature more of our schools would be entitled to a vote in the Council of the Federation, an end very much to be desired.

It is hard to separate the personal report of a principal in a mission school from the school itself. She is naturally on duty from sunrise to sunset, and her duties vary with the hours. I am glad to say that I have had excellent health this year and have had only social visits from the doctors. Though working with a noble, well-prepared, and consecrated band of missionaries, I have been compelled to take quite a good deal of class work this year on account of our large school and the necessity of supplying for one or two teachers who were ill and for Miss Jarrett when she went home.

I have had practically no work outside of the school except my Sunday school class of young men. This work I have not done as I desired, but the class is very dear to me and continues to grow. Some of them have been converted and have joined the Church, and I can see in all of them a great development. Some members of the class

are artisans, but most of them are students in the government schools, and every year some graduate and are scattered far and wide.

I am thankful for what God is doing for Brazil through the many consecrated representatives of our Board and for your love for us and interest in us.

COLLEGIO METHODISTA, RIBEIRAO PRETO.

APPOINTMENTS.

Miss S. J. Stradley, Principal; Miss Beverly Cain, Miss Ethel L. Brown, Miss Virginia Howell.

Looking over the year's work, I wonder if it is permitted only to those who go forth weeping to return again with precious fruit, and hope not, for this has not been a year of tears. In no other year of my work have I felt more completely the abiding and confiding that insures perfect peace. This does not imply that there have not been periods of dissatisfaction, of eager desire for better service and greater results.

All the teachers who board in the college, with the exception of one, are Protestants; and they have been consistent in their lives and have been consecrated in service, in work with the pupils, in the Church, Sunday school, League, Missionary Society, visitation, etc.

With some of the visible results of the year's work we are well pleased. Three girls, as well prepared as one finds at the close of a seven-year course in the States, finished our work. We make the closing of school an occasion for inviting relatives and friends of the pupils to visit the school and entertain these guests with the manual and mental work of the pupils. This year we were very happy in the exhibit and in the closing exercises. The clay-modeling, embroidery, dressmaking, drawing, and other manual work was very much appreciated, and the musical and literary programs were not only enjoyable, but such as would tend to raise the ideals of the people. These gentle influences are the most powerful means that we can use in the accomplishment of our purposes. It is a source of encouragement to notice any improvement in public sentiment. This year there was quite a fight for the Sunday closing of business houses. The law was passed and enforced for a few weeks, but was finally repealed through the influence of the merchants. It was only a flickering spark of social conscience, but that is better than cold ashes.

We have a small library of books that put religious truths before our girls in interesting story form, and we permit the pupils to read them only on Sunday. We are trying to make the day one of such peace and joy for our boarding pupils that they will always respect it.

Among our boarding girls, one, the oldest, and of high social position, openly professed her faith and joined the Church on the last Sunday of the year. There were others who wished to do this, but because of family opposition could not. Since our schools are limited to seven years, we cannot hope to see definite results in our work, such as decisions for Christ. We can only prepare them for that decision and hope that they may make it later. For this reason we feel that we ought to be able to keep our pupils under our influence and not let them go back into their old environments before they have reached the age when their characters are formed and the age when they can make decisions independent of their families. The one girl we had of such an age was the one who came into the Church this year.

Our Saturday night study of the Sunday school lesson has been a time of great spiritual blessing, not only to me, but to the pupils. The study is conducted informally, and the pupils feel free to ask questions or to express their thoughts and feelings. I have felt that at the end of

each week we had these periods as rounds in a ladder leading each time higher. Work with town pupils in the Sunday morning class and in the Woman's Missionary Society, as president, are the only activities I have undertaken apart from the work in the college.

We have come through another year of war prices without debt, and we are exceedingly thankful for the almost perfect health of pupils and teachers. Most of all, I am grateful for the stimulating help of my two fellow missionaries, Misses Cain and Brown. The one with her preparation for business life, the other with her native teaching ability and her good normal training, the two with their consecration and desire to see the rapid coming of the kingdom, have made many burdens lighter.

For the rich blessings of the year we are extremely grateful.

WOMAN'S EVANGELISTIC WORK, SAO PAULO.

MISS AMELIA ELERDING.

Individual Work.—Visits, 1,090; opportunities for Scripture-reading, 764; opportunities for prayer, 908; new homes entered, 11; those visited received into the Church, 5; Testaments distributed, 2; Gospels distributed, 13; tracts distributed, 267.

Work of Helpers.—Evangelistic helper, 1; Bible women, 4; visits, 3,367; opportunities for Scripture-reading, 2,443; opportunities for prayer, 2,449; new homes entered, 32; those visited received into the Church, 19.

Literature Distributed.—Bible, 1; Testaments, 16; Gospels, 93; tracts, 544.

The close of the year calls for a report and for a retrospect of the work done and what should have been done, of our successes and failures during the year. And as we look back we must say that the Lord has been with us, helping, guiding, strengthening, and directing.

Sickness has made many interruptions in our work during the year. In July the Elizabeth Caraker Bible woman was prevented from working by sickness and death in her family. In August I was suddenly taken seriously ill and was not able to work for nearly a month; was laid up again for a few days in October and again for the greater part of November. Then, realizing that it would be impossible to work in that condition, as soon as I was able to be moved, November 26, I came to Itaquera to recuperate in health and strength. Now, four weeks later, I am feeling well and gradually growing stronger, yet I will not try to attend our annual meeting, as I want to store up all my strength for the new year.

As my strength permits, I do a little work by stopping at different homes to rest while on my walks and trying to make them see the true Jesus, who came to save us. I continue superintending my work.

In October different members of D. Iovita Lapis's (one of the two women working on the Elizabeth Nichols Bible woman's support) family were ill, and she herself was laid up for some time. Have received no report of her work for November and December, which may be due to the irregularity in the mail.

Each helper has tried to do faithful work. Three of my Sunday school pupils united with the Church during the year. Owing to reasons which we could not control, our mission Sunday school in the Reaz section of Sao Paulo was discontinued in May. Having no available place nor money to rent a hall, we have been unable to reopen the work, but are trusting to begin early in the year.

We will commit all unto our Lord, thanking him for his providential care when help was needed most and trusting for guidance and strength for the coming year.

COLLEGIO AMERICANO, PORTO ALEGRE.

APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Eunice F. Andrew, Principal; Miss Elma Morgan, Miss Gertrude Kennedy.

Looking back over the past year's work, I find little which would call for any comment or that is of special interest; yet the remembrance of it brings a degree of satisfaction for the work accomplished and for the joy which has been mine in the privilege of doing it.

The enrollment shows an increase over last year. Some pupils were refused admittance because of lack of room. Of the one hundred and ten pupils, ten were boarders, twelve were day boarders, and twelve were special pupils.

We had some sweet Christian girls as boarders this year. They are not only interested in their school work, but in the work of the Church as well. Some are working hard to prepare themselves to be capable teachers and are struggling to become strong Christian women. It was an inspiration to me to see their bright, interested faces as they listened to the message from the daily Bible lesson.

All of the teachers have been faithful to the charge committed to them. The quality of teaching done was an improvement over that done in the past, but we need a trained teacher for the primary classes.

The German school was ordered to be closed, and many of the pupils will come to us next year. Unless we succeed in finding a larger building, we shall be able to accept few, if any, of them, as our rooms were full this year. We are still praying that we may find a larger house for rent. How much more could be accomplished if we had an adequate building! However, we are optimistic and believe that after awhile we may possess a home that we may call our own.

The cost of living has advanced considerably during the year, and living expenses will be even greater next year.

Notwithstanding a great amount of sickness among the children, the work at the Institutional School has been encouraging. We trust that a worker may be sent there next year. One hundred and twenty-seven children were matriculated during the year. Forty-eight of these attend Sunday school regularly. One of the teachers does a great deal of visitation work in behalf of the school and the Sunday school.

Misses Morgan and Kennedy have completed the third year's course of language study. They have worked faithfully and have proved a blessing to the school and community.

Three things of significance mark this year's work—the joining of the Church of eight of our girls, the organization of a large catechism class, which was taught by our pastor one afternoon in each week, and a decided advance in higher type of work done by pupils.

My Sunday school class in Central Church on Sunday morning, at the mission in the afternoon, my work as Fourth Vice President of the Epworth League, and some visitation work that I have done have been a source of real joy to me.

Instead of our usual Christmas tree, we are planning a white Christmas, giving gifts and donations to the poor in our Church and to an orphan asylum.

With a truly grateful heart we thank God for whatever of good he has been able to accomplish through us and look forward to the new year, trusting that our lives may mean much more to those with whom we come in contact day by day than they have in the past.

CUBA.

CIENFUEGOS.

COLEGIO ELIZA BOWMAN.

APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Frances B. Moling, Principal; Miss Manelle Forster.

Missionary Teachers: Miss Laura Lee, Miss Eula Lee Carter, Miss Mary Buttrick.

MISS FRANCES B. MOLING, PRINCIPAL.

Our progress during the past year has been in some respects most gratifying. So far as numbers and attendance are concerned, we feel pretty well satisfied, as we have had more applicants in the lower grades than could be admitted, making it necessary for us to form a waiting list, and the attendance has been decidedly better than ever before.

Last year I tried to make clear our needs, showing as best I could our crowded condition; so it is necessary to devote more space to that subject now. Should all the children who are enrolled come in on the same day, at the same hour, it is difficult to say what would be done with them. Relegate them to the patio (court), I suppose. As it is, the overflow from one schoolroom sits in a small hallway, while that from another occupies a corner of the dining room.

A *prado* in front of our house has just been finished, extending from the sea wall out to the city hospital, and the paving of streets and sidewalks, not only on our own street, but throughout the whole center of the city, has added much to the value of our property. It is our concerted opinion now that the best plan would be to build on the lots already owned by the Board. An architect has just submitted plans for a building which will cost about \$27,000. This is about \$7,000 more than it would have cost to put up the same building three years ago. The submitted plans provide for a dormitory, a servant's room, a domestic science room, bathrooms, seven or eight schoolrooms, and a large auditorium, the auditorium being formed of three or four of the schoolrooms, separated from each other by means of folding doors. It is to be regretted, however, that the new building must occupy most of our already limited space used as a playground.

The servant question has not been the least of my cares. We have no place in the house where a servant can sleep, all available space being occupied as schoolrooms and dormitories; so, as a consequence, when the weather is bad the servant stays at home, or sometimes she tires of the early rising, long walks before beginning the work of the day, etc., and decides not to come at all. Had it not been for the faithfulness of one of our scholarship girls, we would have been forced to prepare our own breakfast many a time during the past year, as well as take care of the absent house girl's department. At such times as these Miss Lee has acted the part of the good Samaritan and helped me over many hard places.

Our work assumed such proportions at the beginning of the year that it became necessary to provide another teacher for the Spanish Department. This teacher was to give us three hours of her time daily, but because of the illness of another teacher in this same depart-

ment she has given five hours instead of three most of the time. I attempted to teach several of the classes for a while, but found it impossible to continue them in view of the fact that other responsibilities consumed every moment of my time; so a part of the sixth-grade Spanish was dropped for a season. We are hoping that the teacher will resume his duties in January and continue without interruption till the close of the year. These conditions have, much to our regret, somewhat hindered the progress of the pupils in this department.

Our literary society has continued work during the year and has identified itself with a society of children at Greenfield, Ind., by helping them out in the raising of funds for the building of a monument to the memory of their beloved poet, James Whitcomb Riley. These children have presented ours with a bust of the poet, a copy of his poems, and a beautiful painting of the "Old Swimmin' Hole." The bust has been given a prominent place in our chapel, as well as the painting, and the poems have been added to the society library.

Last summer, under the direction of Miss Wilson, a Junior League was organized at the church, making it unnecessary to continue the one in school; so we reorganized the League of the Spanish Department into a Temperance Society. In the Literary as well as the Temperance Society we have been trying to instill the principles of prohibition, and the two societies have joined hands in signing the pledge. When we closed school on the 23d of December, seventy responded to the temperance roll call, at the same time receiving their signed pledge cards and white ribbon. Quite as many names went on record a few weeks before when we sent our request to a Kentucky Congressman at Washington, asking him to vote for the Federal amendment in favor of national prohibition. Our children have manifested a great deal of interest in the struggle going on in the States and watch with much interest the map of our country as it slowly changes from black to white, and the announcement at the last temperance meeting of the old year that the resolution had carried in Congress was received with hearty applause.

We are glad to note a decidedly improved condition in the lives of a number of our children, day pupils as well as some of the boarders. Several have united with the Church during the past year, while others are candidates. A large number attend Sunday school and Epworth League. Quite a few tell us how the pledge gave them courage to resist temptation during the holidays, when wine was offered them in the homes of their friends or when it was placed on the table in their own homes.

Certificates will be given to the girls completing the seventh grade this year. It has been our plan to reserve this honor for the eighth grade; but as it is almost impossible to hold Cuban girls after they have reached their fourteenth year, we decided to shorten the course and give them credit for the work they have done. We hope that the effort these girls have made to complete a prescribed course of study may serve as an inspiration to a large majority of the others who are at present studying in the lower grades.

MISS MANELLE FORSTER.

The year 1917 has been a great blessing to me both because of the work that I have been permitted to do and because of the deepening of my spiritual life. At the beginning of the year I chose as my year verse: "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." God has wonderfully fulfilled his promise, for my consciousness of my Master's presence

has deepened, my faith in him increased, and many, many answers to my prayers have been granted to me.

As in former years, my work has been the teaching of the Bible classes and sewing. It is such a joy to watch the children grow from absolute ignorance of God's Word into interested students of it. There have been very few objections among our patrons to the study of the Bible, and the children themselves as a rule enjoy it. As soon as the children learn to read intelligently we put the Bible itself into their hands and use it as a textbook; in the lower grades we also use with it the Graded Lesson system. I thank God constantly for the privilege of teaching these little ones about him and feel deeply the great responsibility that rests upon me.

I have a Sunday school class of junior boys. They are lovable, wide-awake little fellows and interested in the class spasmodically. It is hard to sustain their interest. A number of them are Boy Scouts, which, contrary to the plan of the organization, is a hindrance to the Sunday school. Sunday is the day for their hikes, and they are forced to go occasionally in order to keep up their record.

The Senior League work has been a great joy and inspiration to me. The organization is small, but the majority of the members show a willingness to lead the services. I am First Vice President, and it has been my great privilege to direct some of our young people in preparing their first program. I also had the privilege of chaperoning some of our girls to the League and Sunday School Convention at Santa Clara in November. It was a revelation to them, and upon their return they made splendid reports of the convention. God has also granted me the privilege of helping some of our young girls to know him better. This has been the crowning joy of my work for 1917.

I thank my Heavenly Father daily for the place he has given me in his vineyard and pray that he may make of me a more worthy and efficient worker.

MATANZAS.

IRENE TOLAND SCHOOL.

APPOINTMENTS.

Miss Rebecca Toland, Principal; Miss Annie Churchill, Miss M. Belle Markey.

Missionary Teachers: Miss Minnie Davis, Miss Lucille Vail.

MISS REBECCA TOLAND, PRINCIPAL.

It is interesting to know that from the beginning of our work in Matanzas till the present time we have enrolled pupils in our boarding department from fifty cities and towns in Cuba. They have come from all parts of the six provinces, but the greater number have come from those of Matanzas and Santa Clara.

Many of our former pupils are able to give a good account of themselves and of their work since they left us. Some are teaching in private schools of their own, and others are teaching in the public schools. Some of these girls are paying the expenses of younger sisters they have sent back to us to fill the places they left vacant. We are looking forward to the time when parochial schools with Christian teachers will be established wherever our Church has a station and when these schools shall become feeders to our boarding schools.

The total number of students enrolled during the year was one hundred and seventeen. Of these, forty-two were boarding pupils, forty-five half boarders who took their midday meal with us, and thirty-six were in the music class. The school assisted twenty-six pupils

by taking them at reduced rates and letting those of this number who are boarders help in the work of the home. No pupil entered without paying something on expenses. The girls who enter on scholarships pay nine dollars a month apart from what comes from the scholarships. Even by paying that amount it does not meet actual expenses, but each one helps with the work. Living expenses have increased by bounds, but so far we have been able to meet them. During the fall term we gave the noonday meal to over seventy, counting pupils and teachers.

We are much pressed for lack of room in the dormitories and for more and larger schoolrooms. This year we have had more boarding pupils and for a while had more applicants than we could take. I increased our capacity by converting the reading room into a dormitory, putting wooden shutters to the blinds that inclosed one side of the room. In September the domestic science class was completely crowded out for want of room. Miss Churchill and her pupils had to give up their room to a higher grade and move over to two adjoining rooms in the basement, one of these having been the kitchen for the domestic science class. The basement is not an ideal place for a classroom for little children, especially as the two rooms have to be occupied by thirty little folks, and in the same basement is the kitchen, where all the cooking for the family is done.

The music class continues to be full, and an assistant teacher had to be employed during the last few months of the year. There are five pianos in the school, but one is much worn from constant use.

In the summer we incorporated the first and second years of our higher department with the Institute, the government high school in Matanzas. The director of the Institute was most friendly and helpful in getting the first two years incorporated and assisting us in selecting the apparatus that will be required for the incorporation of the last two years of the course. We cannot hold pupils for the last two years without having the whole course incorporated. We trust that the money will be given us this year to have it done.

We rejoiced at the return of Miss Markey after her year of rest in the States. Her work since September has been in connection with the higher department in Spanish. We were fortunate in securing for a certain number of hours a day one of the professors of the Institute, who taught Spanish grammar to all pupils above the third grade and Spanish literature to the more advanced pupils.

The students in the English classes, under the instruction of Miss Minnie Davis, have entertained the school from time to time with readings and comedies in English. The more advanced students in these classes got out a weekly paper in English, which has made them diligent readers of the periodicals that come to the school to obtain the latest news along many lines.

We had to refuse a number of day pupils for lack of room in the school wagonette. The number of pupils that could be brought up in the three trips was forty-five. When that number was reached, we had to refuse all others. Pupils living near by walk to school, but those living at a distance have to be brought in the wagonette. In our estimates for another year we have asked for an auto bus, which could make quicker trips and bring more pupils at a time.

MISS M. BELLE MARKEY.

After a little more than a year in the United States, I am glad to be back in the Irene Toland School. It was my privilege to spend most of my furlough at George Peabody College for Teachers, in Nashville, studying methods with a view of applying them in our educa-

tional institutions in Latin America. It was also most helpful to visit the public schools of the city and observe the splendid work being done.

As I returned to the field only in August, there are only five short months of work to be reported. The first of these was spent in helping to put everything in order for the opening of school and in laying plans for my winter's work. I found that I had been assigned teaching in our Spanish high school, two years of which had just been incorporated with the government high school, or institute, my subjects being geography, arithmetic, algebra, and the Bible. Our class is small, but we hope to see it grow, especially when we get the additional room and equipment we have asked for and so much need. The girls are applying themselves to their studies with earnest attention, which is gratifying to their teachers. With one exception, my pupils are members of the Sunday school and all except three members of the Church. Two of these gave their hands for prayer in a revival in our church, and I am praying that ere long they will take the final step.

In addition to classroom duties and my share of work in our boarding department, I have organized the girls who care for tennis in two groups, each of which plays two afternoons a week after school hours. Some of them are developing into excellent players and enter into this healthful sport with enthusiasm.

We have been making plans for the enlargement and strengthening of the Cuba Mission, which we trust will meet the approval of the Council and the support of the women of the Church. Our duty, as well as our opportunity, is great in the "Pearl of the Antilles." Let us not fail to enter this door of opportunity.

MISS ANNIE CHURCHILL.

As I look back over the past year I can say with the Psalmist: "Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to usward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered." My school work is still the first and second primary. The children are bright and have done good work, and it is a pleasure to teach them. We have had to move to larger quarters and now occupy two communicating rooms—not an ideal arrangement, but the best we can do under the circumstances. This change necessitated the giving up of the domestic science class, as we had to use the kitchen for one of the schoolrooms.

During vacation I moved to the main building and now help Miss Toland with the younger children. There are twelve, the youngest eight and the oldest fourteen. They are happy little people, and there has been a good beginning toward the real Christian spirit among them. The five who room next to me always have prayers at night, each praying aloud in turn. They help each other to be good. During our meeting in December five of the girls united with the Church. Others are interested and will come in later. I still have the teachers' training class in Sunday school. There are now seven in the class.

I have done very little visiting this year. I want to do more when the days are longer. It helps to get in personal touch with the parents and particular friends of our pupils.

The school influence is bearing fruit in different parts of the island. The superintendent of this district said not long ago that in many of the congregations in his district some of the best workers and most faithful members were formerly pupils of the Irene Toland School. Pray that this influence may continue to spread until many homes and congregations feel the uplifting power of a Christian life.

AFRICA.

Our missionaries reached Africa about the close of 1917; therefore they are just beginning their work.

APPOINTMENTS.

Wembo-Niama—Teachers: Miss Etha V. Mills, Miss Etta Lee Woolsey.
Trained Nurse: Miss Kathron Wilson.

MISSIONARIES OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL.

CHINA.

Year.	Name and Address.	Conference.
1878.	Miss Lochie Rankin, Huchow, via Shanghai.....	Memphis
1884.	Miss Virginia Atkinson, Soochow.....	North Alabama
1892.	Miss Alice G. Waters, 21 Hankow Road, Shanghai.....	Memphis
1892.	Mrs. J. A. Gaither, Huchow, via Shanghai.....	North Georgia
1892.	Miss Martha E. Pyle*.....	Southwest Missouri
1892.	Miss Mildred B. Bomar, Huchow, via Shanghai.....	East Texas
1894.	Miss Clara Steger, Huchow, via Shanghai....	Southwest Missouri
1896.	Miss Ella D. Leveritt, Changchow.....	North Georgia
1899.	Miss Mary M. Tarrant, Soochow.....	Texas
1901.	Miss Ida Anderson, Changchow.....	South Georgia
1901.	Miss Mary Culler White, Sungkiang.....	South Georgia
1904.	Miss Janie Watkins*.....	Mississippi
1904.	Miss Maggie J. Rogers, Soochow.....	Texas
1905.	Miss Elizabeth Claiborne, 21 Hankow Road, Shanghai..	Memphis
1905.	Miss Irene S. King, Sungkiang.....	Missouri
1906.	Miss Nettie Peacock, Sungkiang.....	South Georgia
1906.	Miss Mary Lou White, Soochow.....	Virginia
1906.	Miss Emma S. Lester, Shanghai.....	North Georgia
1907.	Miss Nell D. Drake, Sungkiang.....	Mississippi
1908.	Miss Julia Wasson, 21 Hankow Road, Shanghai..	North Mississippi
1909.	Miss Clara Park, 21 Hankow Road, Shanghai.....	South Georgia
1909.	Miss Leila Judson Tuttle, Shanghai.....	Western North Carolina
1911.	Miss Mittie Shelton, Huchow, via Shanghai....	Northwest Texas
1911.	Miss Annie Clare Bradshaw, Soochow.....	Virginia
1911.	Miss Bessie Bell Combs*.....	Missouri
1912.	Dr. Ethel Polk, Soochow.....	South Georgia
1912.	Miss Alice Green, Changchow*.....	North Carolina
1912.	Miss Theodosia Wales, Soochow*.....	North Georgia
1912.	Miss Nina Troy, Huchow, via Shanghai*..	Western North Carolina
1912.	Miss Edith Hayes, Changchow*.....	North Alabama
1912.	Miss Frances Burkhead, Soochow.....	Western North Carolina
1913.	Miss Bertha O. Attaway, Soochow†.....	South Carolina
1913.	Miss Lela Bliler, Soochow†.....	Southwest Missouri
1913.	Dr. Hattie F. Love, Soochow†.....	Holston
1913.	Miss Laura V. Mitchell, Soochow†.....	Florida
1913.	Miss May Hixson, 21 Hankow Road, Shanghai....	North Georgia
1914.	Miss Louise Robinson, Soochow.....	North Alabama
1914.	Miss Sue Stanford, Huchow, via Shanghai.....	Central Texas
1914.	Miss Nina Stallings, Soochow.....	Missouri
1914.	Miss Mary A. Hood, Soochow.....	Memphis
1915.	Miss Kate Hackney, Soochow.....	Western North Carolina
1915.	Miss Olive Lipscomb, Soochow.....	Mississippi
1915.	Miss Ruth Brittain, Nanking.....	North Alabama
1916.	Miss Mary Blackford, Huchow, via Shanghai.....	St. Louis
1917.	Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon, Huchow, via Shanghai..	North Carolina
1917.	Miss Marie Raffo, Soochow.....	South Georgia
1918.	Miss Elizabeth A. Love, Soochow.....	Holston

*At home on furlough. †At home on furlough after July, 1918.

KOREA.

Year.	Name and Address.	Conference.
1887.	Mrs. J. P. Campbell, Seoul.....	Los Angeles
1904.	Miss Ellasue Wagner, Songdo.....	Holston
1905.	Miss Cordelia Erwin, Choon Chun†.....	Memphis
1906.	Miss Mary D. Myers, Seoul.....	South Georgia
1906.	Miss Lillian E. Nichols, Songdo.....	Florida
1908.	Miss Sallie Kate Cooper, Wonsan.....	North Georgia
1909.	Miss Hallie Buie, Wonsan.....	Mississippi
1909.	Miss Laura Edwards, Songdo.....	Northwest Texas
1910.	Miss Alice Dean Noyes, Wonsan*.....	North Georgia
1910.	Miss Bertha A. Smith, Seoul.....	Southwest Missouri
1910.	Miss Gilberta Harris*.....	Little Rock
1911.	Miss Carrie Una Jackson, Choon Chun.....	Memphis
1911.	Miss Bertha Tucker, Wonsan.....	North Georgia
1911.	Miss Ida Hankins, Songdo.....	North Carolina
1911.	Miss Hortense Tinsley, Seoul.....	South Georgia
1912.	Miss Bessie Oliver, Seoul*.....	South Georgia
1913.	Miss Agnes Elise Graham, Songdo†.....	Central Texas
1913.	Miss Eva Hardie, Seoul†.....	South Georgia
1913.	Miss Bessie Hardie, Choon Chun.....	South Georgia
1914.	Miss Allene Pearce, Songdo.....	Kentucky
1915.	Miss Ellie Gray, Seoul.....	North Georgia
1916.	Miss Rosa M. Lowder, Songdo.....	North Carolina
1917.	Miss Grace McCubbins, Wonsan.....	Western North Carolina

JAPAN.

1896.	Miss Ida Worth, Oita†.....	St. Louis
1910.	Miss Nellie Bennett*.....	Virginia
1910.	Miss Annie Belle Williams, Kobe.....	South Carolina
1913.	Miss Ethel Newcomb, Oita*.....	St. Louis
1915.	Miss Annette Gist, 35 Nakayamatedori, 4 Chome, Kobe...	Florida
1915.	Miss Charlie Holland, Oita.....	Texas
1917.	Miss Mabel Whitehead, Kobe.....	North Alabama
1917.	Miss Katherine Hatcher, Kobe.....	South Georgia

BRAZIL.

1892.	Miss Amelia Elerding, Rua Itaboca 72, Sao Paulo..	South Georgia
1894.	Miss Layona Glenn*.....	North Georgia
1895.	Miss E. Perkinson, Collegio Americano, Petropolis.....	Missouri
1896.	Miss Lily A. Stradley, Piracicaba.....	Central Texas
1896.	Miss Ida Shaffer, Scarritt Bible and Training School*..	Missouri
1901.	Miss Helen Johnson, Petropolis.....	Louisiana
1902.	Miss Blanche Howell, Caixa 454, Rio de Janeiro...	W. N. Carolina
1903.	Miss Emma Christine, Bello Horizonte.....	St. Louis
1905.	Mrs. F. K. Brown, Americano Piracicabano, Piracicaba†..	Holston
1907.	Miss Eunice F. Andrew, Porto Alegre.....	Tennessee
1910.	Miss V. Howell, Ribeirao Preto.....	Little Rock
1911.	Miss Rachel Jarrett*.....	Texas
1911.	Miss Clare Beverly Cain, Ribeirao Preto.....	Louisville
1911.	Miss Leila F. Epps, Petropolis.....	South Carolina
1911.	Miss Florence Barton*.....	St. Louis
1911.	Miss Lydia Ferguson, Petropolis.....	Central Texas
1911.	Miss Sophia Schalch, Piracicaba.....	Brazil
1912.	Miss Eva Louise Hyde*.....	Missouri
1912.	Miss Jennie Stradley, Ribeirao Preto.....	Holston

*At home on furlough. †At home on furlough after July, 1918.

Year.	Name and Address.	Conference.
1913.	Miss Mary Jane Baxter, Bello Horizonte*.....	North Alabama
1914.	Miss Elma Morgan, Porto Alegre.....	Little Rock
1914.	Miss Gertrude Kennedy, Porto Alegre.....	Virginia
1915.	Miss Ethel Brown, Ribeirao Preto.....	Virginia
1915.	Miss Maud Mathis, Bello Horizonte.....	Texas
1915.	Miss Mary Sue Brown, Piracicaba.....	Central Texas
1916.	Miss Lela M. Putnam, Bello Horizonte.....	Central Texas
1916.	Miss Nancy R. Holt, Petropolis.....	Virginia
1917.	Miss Sara Van Dyke Stout, Piracicaba.....	Tennessee

MEXICO.†

1887.	Miss Lelia Roberts, Saltillo.....	North Texas
1896.	Miss Edith Park.....	Texas
1897.	Miss Anne Churchill.....	Central Texas
1908.	Miss Mary E. Massey.....	North Mississippi
1910.	Miss Johnnie Pierson.....	Northwest Texas
1910.	Miss Ellen Alfter.....	Southwest Missouri
1911.	Miss Virginia Booth.....	West Texas
1912.	Miss Charley M. Cunningham.....	Los Angeles
1912.	Miss Bessie Lee Wilson.....	Tennessee
1912.	Miss Lillie F. Fox.....	Southwest Missouri
1913.	Miss Ethel McCaughan.....	South Georgia

CUBA.

1881.	Miss Rebecca Toland, Matanzas.....	Texas
1899.	Miss Frances B. Moling, 89 Independencia, Cienfuegos...	Missouri
1902.	Miss Bell Markey, Matanzas.....	Florida
1913.	Miss Margaret C. Webster*.....	Central Texas
1914.	Miss Manelle Forster, 89 Independencia, Cienfuegos...	S. Georgia

AFRICA.

1916.	Miss Etha Mills, Wembo-Niama.....	Virginia
1916.	Miss Etta Lee Woolsey, Wembo-Niama.....	West Texas
1916.	Miss Kathron Wilson, Wembo-Niama.....	North Texas

MISSIONARY TEACHERS.

1908.	Miss Laura Lee, 89 Independencia, Cienfuegos, Cuba...	Tennessee
1913.	Miss Nina Keiser, Soochow, China.....	Memphis
1914.	Miss Margarita Park, Soochow, China*.....	China
1914.	Miss Margaret Tilley, Ribeirao Preto, Brazil.....	Brazil
1916.	Miss Lucille Vail, Matanzas, Cuba.....	North Georgia
1916.	Miss Minnie Davis, Matanzas, Cuba.....	Louisiana
1916.	Miss Lula Lee Carter, Cienfuegos, Cuba.....	West Texas
1917.	Miss Mary Buttrick, Cienfuegos, Cuba...	Western North Carolina
1917.	Miss Lochie Brown, Cienfuegos, Cuba.....	Kentucky

*At home on furlough.

†Until work reopens, no addresses can be given for workers in Mexico.

MISSIONARIES SENT OUT BY THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL,
BUT NOT NOW ACTIVE IN THE SERVICE.

Appointed.	Name and Former Residence.	Conference.
1879. Miss	Dora Rankin,* Milan, Tenn.....	Memphis
1881. Miss	Annie Williams,† Chapel Hill, Tex.....	Texas
1881. Miss	Mattie Watts,* Louisville, Ky.....	Louisville
1882. Miss	Anna J. Muse,† Atlanta, Ga.....	North Georgia
1882. Miss	Blanche Gilbert, Roanoke, Va.....	Baltimore
1882. Mrs.	Sara Burford, Georgetown, Tex.....	Northwest Texas
1883. Miss	Nannie E. Holding, Latonia, Ky.....	Kentucky
1883. Miss	Mattie E. Jones, Norcross, Ga.....	North Georgia
1883. Miss	Jennie C. Wolf, Pensacola, Fla.....	Alabama
1884. Miss	Laura A. Haygood,* Atlanta, Ga.....	North Georgia
1884. Miss	Dona Hamilton,* Paris, Tex.....	North Texas
1884. Miss	Mildred M. Phillips, M.D.,† California, Mo.....	Southwest Missouri
1884. Miss	Lou E. Phillips, California, Mo.....	Southwest Missouri
1884. Miss	Mary W. Bruce,† Plattsburg, Mo.....	Missouri
1887. Miss	Emma E. Kerr,† Brownsville, Tenn.....	Memphis
1887. Miss	Kate R. Roberts,* Nashville, Tenn.....	Tennessee
1887. Miss	Addie F. Gordon,* Port Gibson, Miss.....	North Mississippi
1887. Miss	Elizabeth Hughes, Meridian, Miss.....	Mississippi
1887. Miss	Lula H. Lipscomb,* Columbus, Miss.....	North Mississippi
1887. Miss	Ada Reagan,† Nashville, Tenn.....	Tennessee
1887. Miss	Marcia Marvin,* St. Louis, Mo.....	St. Louis
1888. Miss	Augusta V. Wilson,* Charlestown, W. Va.....	Baltimore
1888. Miss	Mary McClellan,† Brookhaven, Miss.....	Mississippi
1888. Miss	Ella Granbery,† St. Louis, Mo.....	St. Louis
1889. Mrs.	A. E. McClendon, West Point, Ga.....	North Georgia
1889. Miss	A. Clara Chrisman,* Beauregard, Miss.....	Mississippi
1889. Miss	Ella Yarell,* Emporia, Va.....	Virginia
1889. Miss	Lida Howell,* Duluth, Ga.....	North Georgia
1889. Miss	Flora Baker,* West Point, Ga.....	North Georgia
1889. Miss	Lula Ross, Greensboro, Ala.....	Alabama
1889. Miss	Sallie M. Phillips, Homer, La.....	Louisiana
1889. Miss	Lizzie Wilson,* Newport, Ky.....	Kentucky
1889. Miss	Ellie B. Tydings, Ocala, Fla.....	Florida
1890. Miss	Mattie Dorsey,† Charlestown, W. Va.....	Baltimore
1890. Mrs.	E. E. Brelsford, Princeton, Ky.....	Louisville
1890. Miss	May Littleton Smithy,* Jetersville, Va.....	Virginia
1890. Miss	Mary Turner,† Sharpsburg, Ky.....	Kentucky
1890. Miss	Kate P. Fannin,† Blountstown, Fla.....	Florida
1890. Miss	Helen Lee Richardson,* St. Louis, Mo.....	St. Louis
1890. Miss	Lucy Harper, Georgetown, Tex.....	Central Texas
1891. Miss	Mollie F. Brown, Austin, Tex.....	Texas
1891. Miss	Kate C. McFarren,* Durango, Mex.....	New Jersey
1892. Miss	Delia Holding, Latonia, Ky.....	Kentucky
1892. Miss	Sue P. Blake,† Miccosukee, Fla.....	Florida
1892. Miss	Emma Gary,† Elberton, Ga.....	North Georgia
1892. Miss	Sallie B. Reynolds,† Columbia, S. C.....	South Carolina
1892. Miss	Alice Moore, Oxford, Ga.....	North Georgia
1892. Miss	Susan Littlejohn,† Pacolet, S. C.....	South Carolina
1892. Miss	Bessie Moore,† Savannah, Tenn.....	Tennessee
1892. Miss	Annie Walter, M.D.,† Holly Springs, Miss.....	North Mississippi
1894. Miss	Ella Coffey,† Long Mountain, Va.....	Virginia
1894. Miss	Esther Case, Batesville, Ark.....	North Arkansas
1895. Miss	Willie Bowman,† St. Louis, Mo.....	Missouri
1895. Miss	May Umberger,† Wytheville, Va.....	Holston
1895. Miss	Viola Blackburn, Holly Springs, Miss.....	North Mississippi
1895. Miss	Hattie G. Carson, Savannah, Ga.....	South Georgia
1896. Miss	Lizzie Martin,† Chapel Hill, N. C.....	North Carolina
1896. Miss	Johnnie Sanders,† Union, S. C.....	South Carolina
1896. Miss	Margaret H. Polk, M.D.,† Perryville, Ky.....	Kentucky
1897. Miss	Susie E. Williams,† San Francisco, Cal.....	Los Angeles
1897. Miss	Mary L. Richardson,* St. Louis, Mo.....	St. Louis
1897. Miss	Leonora D. Smith,† Electric, Ala.....	Alabama
1897. Miss	Laura V. Wright, Baltimore, Md.....	Baltimore
1898. Miss	Fannie Hinds,† Mt. Sterling, Ky.....	Kentucky
1899. Miss	Arrena Carroll,† Mt. Crawford, Va.....	Baltimore

*Deceased. †Married.

Appointed.	Name and Former Residence.	Conference.
1899. Miss	Lela McNemar, Edwards, Miss.	Mississippi
1899. Miss	Clara B. Fullerton, Louisville, Ky.	Louisville
1899. Miss	Maud Bonnell,* Muskogee, Okla.	East Oklahoma
1900. Miss	Sadie Harbaugh,† Washington, D. C.	Baltimore
1900. Miss	Elizabeth Davis,† Durham, N. C.	North Carolina
1900. Miss	Alice Griffith,† Marion, Ky.	Louisville
1900. Miss	June Nicholson,* Edgefield, S. C.	South Carolina
1900. Miss	Mollie Cessna, Utica, Miss.	North Mississippi
1900. Miss	Sue Ford, Paris, Ky.	Kentucky
1901. Miss	Maidee Smith, La Grange, Ga.	North Georgia
1901. Miss	Orien Alexander,* Brookfield, Mo.	Missouri
1901. Miss	Mary Knowles,† Macon, Ga.	South Georgia
1901. Miss	Ida May Stewart,† Leesburg, Fla.	Florida
1901. Miss	Lily Whitman, Eupora, Miss.	North Mississippi
1901. Mrs.	Ellen B. Carney, Plant City, Fla.	Florida
1901. Miss	Della V. Wright, Anderson, S. C.	South Carolina
1901. Miss	Norwood E. Wynn, Dallas, Tex.	North Texas
1901. Miss	May Treadwell, Edgewood, Ga.	North Georgia
1902. Miss	Josephine Hounshell,† Corinth, Va.	Holston
1903. Miss	Loula M. Norville,† Livingston, Ala.	Alabama
1903. Miss	Ara Riggins, Pasadena, Cal.	Los Angeles
1904. Miss	Ada Parker, New Orleans, La.	Louisiana
1905. Miss	Mattie M. Ivey, Calvert, Tex.	Texas
1905. Miss	Elizabeth Lamb, Fayetteville, N. C.	North Carolina
1906. Miss	Eleanor Dye,† Evansville, Miss.	North Mississippi
1906. Miss	Sophia Mann,* Mexia, Tex.	Northwest Texas
1906. Miss	Agnes Ruff, Wallaceville, S. C.	South Carolina
1907. Mrs.	S. S. Harris, Citra, Fla.	Florida
1907. Mrs.	Emily Runyon, M.D., Richmond, Va.	Virginia
1907. Miss	Ruby Kendrick,* Plano, Tex.	Northwest Texas
1907. Miss	Martha Ivie Batey,† Murfreesboro, Tenn.	Tennessee
1907. Miss	Ruby Lilly,† Whitman, Ga.	South Georgia
1907. Miss	Augusta May Dye,† Plano, Tex.	Northwest Texas
1907. Miss	Emma I. Steger,† Mountain Grove, Mo.	Southwest Missouri
1907. Miss	Linnie Barcroft, Tupelo, Miss.	Mississippi
1908. Miss	Kate Smallwood,† New Albany, Miss.	North Mississippi
1908. Miss	Bessie Houser,† Perry, Ga.	South Georgia
1908. Miss	Daisy Pyles,† Juiz de Fora, Brazil.	Brazil
1908. Miss	Mary F. Johnstone,† Dawson, Ga.	South Georgia
1908. Miss	Alma Jones, Webb City, Mo.	Missouri
1908. Mrs.	Nellie O'Bierne.	Louisiana
1908. Miss	Trullie Richmond, Ennis, Tex.	Central Texas
1909. Miss	Hardynia Norville, Livingston, Ala.	Alabama
1909. Miss	Martha Nutt, Granbury, Tex.	Central Texas
1909. Miss	Valeria Vollmer,† Porto Alegre, Brazil.	Brazil
1909. Miss	Minnie Varner, Greenville, Ala.	Alabama
1909. Miss	Elsie Lowe,† Midlothian, Tex.	Central Texas
1909. Miss	Tommie Foster, Tchula, Miss.	Mississippi
1909. Miss	Helen Hickman, Sherman, Tex.	North Texas
1909. Miss	Sara E. Warne, Santa Ana, Cal.	Los Angeles
1909. Miss	Terrie Etta Buttrick, Asheville, N. C.	Western North Carolina
1910. Miss	Maria Wightman Capers, Charleston, S. C.	South Carolina
1910. Miss	Margaret Beadle,† Austin, Tex.	West Texas
1910. Miss	Nevada Martin,† Pelahatchie, Miss.	Mississippi
1910. Miss	Dora Otis,† Hopkins, Mo.	Missouri
1911. Miss	Myrtle Barker,† Warsaw, Ky.	Kentucky
1911. Miss	Miriam Steel, Brownwood, Tex.	Northwest Texas
1911. Miss	Frankie Hooper, St. Joseph, Mo.	Missouri
1911. Miss	Margaret Simpson, Little Rock, Ark.	Arkansas
1911. Miss	Lillie Reed, Waco, Tex.	East Oklahoma
1912. Miss	Mae Owings, Fountain Inn, S. C.	South Carolina
1912. Miss	Flora Herndon, Elberton, Ga.	North Georgia
1912. Miss	Maggie Lee Kenney,† Los Angeles, Cal.	Los Angeles
1912. Miss	Laura V. Summers, Barnesville, Ga.	North Georgia
1912. Miss	Lucy Henderson, Murfreesboro, Tenn.	South Georgia
1913. Miss	Blanche Webb,† Chattanooga, Tenn.	Holston

*Deceased. †Married.

DEACONESSES WHO SERVED IN 1917.

Name and Date of Consecration.	Address.
Abbott, Miss Emma (1914)	Wesley House, Macon, Ga.
Anderson, Miss Mattie (1913)	Wesley House, St. Joseph, Mo.
Black, Miss Lillie (1912)	Rebecca Sparks Home, Waco, Tex.
Blackwell, Miss Florence (1916)	Avondale Wesley House, Birmingham, Ala.
Borchers, Miss Cora (1909)	Wesley House No. 1, Macon, Ga.
Breeden, Miss Rosa (1910)	Wesley House, Atlanta, Ga.
Bryan, Mrs. Selden (1916)	Methodist Institute, Richmond, Va.
Burgland, Miss Josephine (1917)	Wesley House, Macon, Ga.
Burton, Miss Emma (1908)	Trinity Church, Los Angeles, Cal.
Cloud, Miss Ellen (1912)	Homer Toberman Wesley House, Los Angeles, Cal.
Cooper, Miss Hazel (1913)	Warioto Settlement, Nashville, Tenn.
Cox, Miss Elizabeth	Institutional Church, Kansas City, Mo.
Cunningham, Miss Mattie (1912)	Coal Fields, Welch, W. Va.
Daniel, Miss Mary (1910)	Mary Elizabeth Inn, San Francisco, Cal.
Dragoo, Miss Rhoda (1909)	Wesley Chapel, Dallas, Tex.
Dreyer, Miss Josephine (1915)	Centenary Church, St. Louis, Mo.
Ducker, Miss Jennie (1909)	State Street Church, Bristol, Tenn.
Duncan, Miss Daisy (1908)	Hillsboro, N. C.
Durham, Miss Mary Ora (1908)	Wesley House, Louisville, Ky.
Eidson, Miss Minnie Lee (1917)	Institutional Church, Kansas City, Mo.
Elliott, Miss Maria (1904)	Wesley House, Lexington, Ky.
Ellison, Miss Berta (1914)	Wesley House, St. Joseph, Mo.
Fagan, Miss Connie (1911)	Settlement House, Mobile, Ala.
Fall, Miss Virginia Maude (1913)	Settlement House, Mobile, Ala.
Fuess, Miss Edith (1911)	Student Secretary
Gainey, Miss Ellen (1910)	Young Women's Cooperative Home, Houston, Tex.
Gardner, Miss Helen (1915)	Methodist Institute, Richmond, Va.
Gatewood, Miss Grace (1915)	First Church, Shreveport, La.
Gibson, Miss Helen (1908)	St. Mark's Hall, New Orleans, La.
Godbey, Miss Cornelia (1911)	Nogales, Ariz.
Graham, Aletha (1912)	Mary Werlein Mission, New Orleans
Grizzard, Miss Gertrude (1911)	Wesley House, Knoxville, Tenn.
Hanscom, Miss Mary (1911)	Trinity Church, Los Angeles, Cal.
Harris, Miss Laura (1910)	Welch, W. Va.
Harvey, Miss Jennie (1916)	Kingdom House, St. Louis, Mo.
Hasler, Miss Mary (1914)	Wesley House, Biloxi, Miss.
Hoover, Miss Dora (1914)	Wesley House No. 2, Macon, Ga.
Hes, Miss Eliza (1912)	Beaumont, Tex.
Jackson, Miss Ethel (1907)	Mary Elizabeth Inn, San Francisco, Cal.
Kennedy, Miss Mabel (1905)	Centenary Church, St. Louis, Mo.
Leighly, Miss Edith (1911)	Wesley House, Spartanburg, S. C.
Lowder, Miss Sarah (1915)	Kingdom House, St. Louis, Mo.
McCaughan, Miss Ethel (1915)	Wesley House, San Antonio, Tex.
Miller, Miss Frankie (1915)	Hartshorne, Okla.
Moore, Miss Mary (1911)	Institutional Church, Kansas City, Mo.
Murphy, Miss Rena (1915)	Central Church, Asheville, N. C.
Mutch, Miss Annie (1907)	Wesley House, Memphis, Tenn.
Palmore, Miss Constance (1909)	South Georgia Conference, Macon, Ga.
Parker, Miss Lillian (1914)	Marston Hall, Thurber, Tex.
Pearson, Miss Della (1916)	Wesley House No. 3, Macon, Ga.
Peoples, Miss Adeline (1908)	Coöperative Home, Corinth, Miss.
Proctor, Miss Laura Belle (1913)	Griffin, Ga.
Ragland, Miss Margaret (1907)	First Church, Birmingham, Ala.
Rhudy, Miss Myrtle (1911)	Institutional Church, Kansas City, Mo.
Richardson, Miss Fella (1913)	Corinth, Miss.
Richardson, Miss Sophia (1915)	Tampa, Fla.
Ritter, Miss Daisy (1915)	Spofford Receiving Home, Kansas City, Mo.
Rowland, Miss Grace (1915)	Houston, Tex.
Scott, Miss Frances (1910)	Institutional Church, Kansas City, Mo.
Shedder, Miss Alice (1910)	Montgomery, Ala.
Shelton, Miss Mae (1910)	Kingdom House, St. Louis, Mo.
Smith, Miss Eugenia (1909)	Wesley House, Fort Worth, Tex.
Stevens, Miss Ida (1907)	The Wilson, Richmond, Va.
Taylor, Miss Elizabeth (1903)	Centenary Church, Chattanooga, Tenn.
Thomas, Miss Berta (1910)	Wesley House, Louisville, Ky.
Tinsley, Miss Lois (1912)	Wesley House, Atlanta, Ga.
Waddell, Miss Eva (1910)	Wesley House, Knoxville, Tenn.

Name and Date of Consecration.	Address.
Wahlroos, Miss Wilhelmina (1913).....	Baltimore, Md.
Walker, Miss Kate (1913).....	Houma, La.
Wheeler, Miss Mabel (1909).....	Wesley House, Atlanta, Ga.
Whiteside, Miss Florence (1915).....	Edenton Street Church, Raleigh, N. C.
Wike, Miss Mattie (1916).....	Wesley House, Flat River, Mo.
Williams, Miss Jennie (1913).....	Wesley House, Louisville, Ky.
Womack, Miss Mollie (1911).....	Wesley House, Meridian, Miss.
Wright, Miss Mattie (1903).....	Wesley House, 60 Elgin Park, San Francisco, Cal.

MISSIONARIES WHO SERVED IN 1917.

Acton, Mrs. Julia Bodley.....	Oriental Work, San Francisco, Cal.
Alford, Miss Annie.....	Wesley House, Nashville, Tenn.
Alfter, Miss Ellen.....	Los Angeles, Cal.
Allen, Miss Bessie.....	Wesley House, Nashville, Tenn.
Bunn, Miss Bessie.....	Jonesboro, Ark.
Bond, Miss Carrie.....	Wesley House, Dallas, Tex.
Brand, Miss Bessie.....	Warioto, Nashville, Tenn.
Breeden, Miss Bertie.....	Portsmouth, Va.
Byerly, Miss Ruth.....	St. Mark's Hall, New Orleans, La.
Cason, Miss Lula.....	Dallas, Tex.
Cole, Miss Sue.....	Houston, Tex.
Crim, Miss Dorothy.....	Ensley Community House, Birmingham, Ala.
Cunningham, Miss Ethel.....	Avondale Wesley House, Birmingham, Ala.
Davis, Miss Sade.....	Wesley House, Orangeburg, S. C.
DeBardeleben, Miss Mary.....	Paine College, Augusta, Ga.
Driver, Mrs. Grace.....	Memphis, Tenn.
Durham, Miss Eshtol.....	Birmingham, Ala.
Fox, Miss Lillie.....	Wesley House, Tampa, Fla.
Haskin, Miss Sara Estelle.....	Bethlehem House, Nashville, Tenn.
Hooper, Miss Ella.....	Houma, La.
Hughes, Miss Elizabeth.....	Albany, Ga.
Jackson, Miss Grace.....	Wesley House, Atlanta, Ga.
Lee, Miss Mary.....	Marston Hall, Thurber, Tex.
Marsh, Miss Lula.....	Wesley House, Tampa, Fla.
Mitchell, Miss Susie.....	Darlington, S. C.
Olmstead, Miss Emmy.....	Bethlehem House, Augusta, Ga.
Owings, Mae.....	Paine College, Augusta, Ga.
Proffitt, Miss Nell.....	Wesley House, Atlanta, Ga.
Rector, Miss Annie.....	Wesley House, Danville, Va.
Sellers, Miss Hattye.....	Wolf Mission, Tampa, Fla.
Souby, Mrs. E. L.....	Wesley House, Murfreesboro, Tenn.
Terrill, Miss Willie.....	South Georgia Conference Orphanage, Macon, Ga.
Vogel, Miss Emma.....	St. Mark's Hall, New Orleans, La.
Wannamaker, Miss Claudia.....	Bethlehem House, Augusta, Ga.
White, Mrs. Laura.....	Houma, La.

MISSIONARY KINDERGARTNERS.

Baxter, Miss Eloise.....	Atlanta, Ga.
Butcher, Miss Ella Kerr.....	Wesley House, San Antonio, Tex.
Coburn, Miss Mae.....	St. Joseph, Mo.
Denton, Miss Frances.....	Marston Hall, Thurber, Tex.
Dickinson, Miss Ethel.....	Bethlehem House, Augusta, Ga.
Hamby, Miss Mittie.....	Wesley House, Atlanta, Ga.
Parsons, Miss Celia.....	Avondale Wesley House, Birmingham, Ala.

PASTORS.

Rev. William Acton.....	Alameda, Cal.
Rev. J. R. Fujii.....	Alameda, Cal.
Rev. David Lee.....	San Francisco, Cal.
Rev. S. Y. Whang.....	San Francisco, Cal.
Rev. Kelichi Imai.....	Walnut Grove, Cal.
Rev. K. Ozaki.....	Oakland, Cal.
Rev. J. E. Reifschneider.....	Galveston, Tex.
Rev. W. T. Griffin.....	Gulfpport, Miss.

MISSIONARY TEACHERS.

Prof. A. W. Mohn.....	Sue Bennett School, London, Ky.
Prof. C. H. Trowbridge.....	Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C.
Prof. E. E. Bishop.....	Vashti Industrial School, Thomasville, Ga.
Mrs. M. L. Stone.....	Virginia Johnson Home and School, Dallas, Tex.
Dr. J. M. Skianer.....	Holding Institute, Laredo, Tex.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Council Institutions.

MOUNTAIN WORK.

Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C.

C. H. TROWBRIDGE, PRINCIPAL.

(Established 1903.)

The winter of 1917 was much saddened by sickness and death in the faculty. The head of the girls' dormitory was compelled to leave on account of illness, and the assistant principal was called to his reward. This caused much sorrow, but seemed to bind the school together in an even deeper fellowship than it had known before. The pastor of the Brevard Church helped for a time, and the older students assumed many of the responsibilities and carried them out with remarkable success. The unsettled condition of the country, due to the war, called many of the older students to duties at home, and several of the grown boys enlisted. The students and teachers, however, rallied to the needs thus produced as they did to the loss of the teachers, and the spring session was very satisfactory. The summer school work was at least as thorough as ever, though the enrollment was not quite so great as in the 1916 session. At the call of the community the Institute enlarged its canning plant and put up about 7,000 cans and jars of vegetables and fruits, thus helping materially in food conservation and supplying a considerable amount of work for students to help them with their education. Three hundred and sixty-five students were enrolled in 1917, with a teaching force of fourteen.

The campaign for new students was conducted almost exclusively in the mountains, and the dormitories were even more fully occupied than usual. A trained nurse has been added to the working force, and the physical condition of the students shows marked improvement. Nearly all of our boys over twenty-one have gone to the army or navy, leaving a student body of rather less maturity than heretofore. The young students, however, seem to be rising to the responsibilities thus placed upon them with more success than we could expect. The unprecedented cold of December caused a great deal of difficulty on account of frozen water pipes and the demand for additional fuel and cover; but these difficulties have all been met by the students and teachers in an uncomplaining spirit, and the generosity of the missionary women has assisted wonderfully in keeping everybody comfortable. The enlarged boarding enrollment necessitated large additions to the supply of sheets and blankets, and Mrs. Ross has by some means secured much new bedding. A fortunate contract for coal placed in the spring has so far kept a sufficient amount of fuel on hand.

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS.

A concrete silo was constructed, new pig lots were fenced in, and a kerosene engine was purchased. This latter investment has already shown its value. It can be used with the molasses plant, in filling the silo, to furnish power for the woodworking shop, for sawing wood, and perhaps for furnishing electric light. A new building is under construction as a general industrial building. It will contain the woodworking machinery, dry kiln, a blacksmith's shop, and the

print shop. Much of the lumber for the completion of the barn is on the ground, though the part now in use is sufficient for present needs.

MORAL EFFORTS.

Year by year greater success is attained in the teaching of the moral principles which are so greatly needed. Truthfulness, the property rights of others, clean speech and thought, and self-sacrifice for other people are receiving perhaps more attention this year than for some time. The Institute is still helping by personal service in the two Sunday schools near Brevard. This has included not only the supplying of teachers to Sunday school classes and assistance in getting up Christmas entertainments, but also the raising of tuition fees for the day instruction of needy children and the supplying of clothing and food to some of the poor of the community.

SPIRITUAL CONDITION.

The two Christian Associations are in operation as usual. The young women's organization has been unusually successful. The Sunday and midweek and sunrise meetings have been well attended, and a large number of girls have taken part. The meetings have been interesting and instructive and have helped greatly in conserving and strengthening spiritual experiences. The Young Men's Association has been severely tried by the loss of officers and older members who have gone into the service of their country. The younger boys are rallying, however, and the Association has taken on new life. The Junior Association, made up of the younger girls and boys, has been particularly active. Their meetings have been interesting, and this organization has taken a definite stand in many cases against practices which interfere with spiritual usefulness.

THE PROSPECT.

With the improved plant it is hoped that Brevard Institute is now ready to consolidate its gains and to go deeper and deeper into the personal training of the students in material, social, intellectual, and spiritual matters, and also to take up as never before the æsthetic training which the rush of immediate necessities has sometimes interrupted. We do not look forward to an immediate material growth, but do hope to do the greatest possible good with the comparatively large means now in hand.

Sue Bennett School, London, Ky.

A. W. MOHN, PRINCIPAL.

(Established 1897.)

I have the honor to submit the annual report of the Sue Bennett Memorial School for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1917.

The enrollment of individual students for the year was 408, divided by schools as follows: High School, 99; Model School, 123; Normal School, 142; School of Business, 50; School of Music, 82. The faculty numbers seventeen, the principal and sixteen assistants. This number includes all salaried teachers, but does not include student assistants.

We received from the Council Treasurer for salaries, current expenses, repairs, etc., \$15,173.68. We received in school fees \$6,639.82, of which amount \$6,300 was remitted to the General Treasurer. The boarding department received from students and teachers \$6,218.72, which amount was spent in the department.

Among the improvements and additions made during the summer can be listed the following: Administration building and boys' hall

painted, five cottages repaired, music hall reroofed in part, commercial rooms enlarged, office and halls in administration building frescoed, principal's residence repapered and furnace installed, two new pianos and forty modern commercial desks purchased, etc.

As I did not take charge of this school the first of the fiscal year, having come to London in July, I can make no detailed report covering the winter term. The fall term, however, which closed on December 22, can be covered in this report. In spite of the prevailing unrest, due to the war and other causes, we had a slight increase in our enrollment over that of the previous fall term. Especially was this increase noticeable in the high-school and commercial departments. The teachers gave good service, and the spirit among teachers and students was most commendable. A gratifying condition prevails in the senior class. This class now numbers seventeen, practically all of whom are planning to go to college or to a conservatory of music.

The social and religious life of the school has not been neglected. At the opening of school in September the faculty gave a reception to the town people, which was very well attended. There have been a number of social gatherings for the students, among which may be named the Y. M. C. A. reception, Halloween party, and socials for the visiting basket ball teams, etc. The religious work is carried on daily through the Bible classes and the chapel exercises. Special religious exercises are planned for the first of the year, at which time we hope to have an abundant harvest.

While I have not been here long enough to get intimately in touch with the situation, I do feel that there is a great need for more opportunities for students to earn their school expenses, at least in part. The solution, it seems to me, is easy. If we had twenty-five or fifty acres of land close to the school, we could give employment to those who wish to work and at the same time raise a large part of our vegetables, such as potatoes, beans, etc. This plan is being followed by many schools about us, and certainly what others can do we can do.

Another need that seems to me to be imperative is that of additional room. We need room for our high school, and we need a chapel. Our present high-school rooms should be used by the Normal Department, the students of which are herded together in two rooms, from sixty to one hundred in a room. A chapel is needed for religious services in school and also for a social center for the community.

I would recommend also that at the earliest possible moment a gymnasium be erected in which both boys and girls can be given systematic instruction and exercise. This would help solve our problems in discipline and prove a drawing card among the young people.

In conclusion, I would say that I am impressed more and more with the great outlook for the school. We are in a fertile region, a region rich in boys and girls crying for opportunities for an education. Surely we can spend our time and money to no better purpose than in meeting this great need.

PACIFIC COAST ORIENTAL MISSIONS.

REV. AND MRS. WILLIAM ACTON, SUPERINTENDENTS.

(Work on the Pacific Coast begun 1897.)

JAPANESE MISSIONS.

The year 1917 has been one of progress, and numerous problems have presented themselves and have been solved. We can say with thankfulness that God has signally blessed our work. Some remarkable

conversions have occurred, and each of our appointments has shown development that promises to be permanent and fruitful.

The Buddhists in Alameda have not ceased to oppose us, but have made no progress. Their hold on the non-Christian Japanese is not as firm as in the past, and we see signs of their losing their grip. None of the larger children who were taken out of our Sunday school through the influence of the Buddhist priest two years ago are attending their "Sunday school," and one or two have returned to ours. There is nothing in the pessimistic philosophy called Buddhism that is attractive to any child that has been taught about Jesus. A number of the pupils have returned to our day school, but their parents will not permit them to attend the Sunday school. We rejoice to be in touch with them and hope to have overcome every obstacle before long. One boy has been asking his parents for permission to return to our mission ever since they took him away two years ago. At last his mother said to his father: "I think for the future of our boy we should let him return to the mission." The father said he did not think the mission Japanese would let him come back after they had taken him away and sent him to the Buddhists. The mother called on Pastor Fujii and asked him about it and was delighted when he informed her that they would receive the boy gladly, as they had never lost interest in him and had been praying for him ever since. The father called on Brother Fujii later, and on the first Sunday of 1918 the boy, with smiling face and happy heart, took his place among his old comrades in the mission Sunday school. We feel confident that others will follow. The only reason all the others do not return is because they are prevented by their parents. The hearts of the children are with us.

Two advances have been made by the Buddhists to unite the two Japanese language schools. Both offers have come through the Alameda Japanese Association, which is controlled by them. One was to unite both schools in the building they are renting, and it was intimated that they would be willing to accept the services of our (Christian) teacher and that they were getting short of money and needed help. The Parents' Committee, that has the management of our school and which is composed of about equal numbers of Christians and non-Christians, curtly replied: "Nothing doing." The first week in January a delegation from the Japanese Association came to the regular monthly meeting of our committee and offered to divide the school funds collected by the Association between the two schools, prorating them so as to give the Buddhists \$29 a month and ours \$11 a month. Our men saw the trap and unanimously declined to accept any money from this source. It is evident that they are losing ground. We can say of our night school that it still continues under the supervision of Mrs. Mary H. Agnew and Brother T. B. Mashihara. The attendance is small, but six young men were baptized in 1917 who started in divine life under its influence. Prof. Isoji Nakajima and wife arrived from Tokyo in August, 1917, and assumed charge of the school. He is building up the attendance and is rated as an exceptionally excellent instructor. His wife, Mrs. T. Nakajima, is assisting him and is also very popular.

We can report the very best year in connection with the Alameda kindergarten, under the management of Miss Hana Shimozumi. The attendance has been large and regular, and five different Japanese patrons have indicated their appreciation by donations of \$5 each, directed to be expended for some furniture to make the work more effective.

Alameda Boy Scouts of America, Troop No. 7, is composed entirely

of members of our Sunday school. They are doing very efficient work and are assisting in the work of the mission in every way they are requested.

A Silver Link Club has been organized for the girls, which is to them what the Scouts are for the boys. It is the means of imparting many very practical and helpful lessons, and the girls are assuming responsibilities unthought of before. Both organizations are learning first-aid and other helpful lessons taught by the Red Cross, Y. W. C. A., and Y. M. C. A. organizations.

At the Christmas exercises two girls received prizes for not having missed a single session of the Sunday school for six years, a boy and a girl for an absolutely clean record of attendance for five years,* and twenty-five others for perfect attendance during 1917.

The Oakland Japanese Mission has had the most profitable year since we have been connected with this work. Four young men, all high-school students, and four girls from the Sunday school have been baptized, and several more men have united by certificate. The Sunday school is flourishing, and the kindergarten is increasing in attendance and influence. Brother Ozaki has visited Dinuba and vicinity once each month, spending several days there each time, calling on homes and camps. The Sunday school is still holding quite regular sessions.

Signal progress has been made at Walnut Grove. While there are only sixteen members and twelve probationers, they have built a \$1,250 mission house of two stories, with auditorium, reception room, kitchen, and bathroom on the lower floor and four living rooms on the upper. They have raised \$850 and assumed an indebtedness of \$400. The assistance rendered by the Council amounts to \$200, all saved from the appropriation made for rents on this circuit. They ask this to be continued until the debt is paid. It is a magnificent enterprise, and the pastor, Rev. K. Imai, is entitled to great credit for his indefatigable efforts. With the exception of what is contributed by the Council, every dollar has come from Japanese. It is the only Christian Church in the entire community of any race or denomination, yet the town is one of the wealthiest along the Sacramento River, and our Japanese Church is the only Christian organization, Protestant or otherwise, in the place.

At Isleton the Hashimoto Company had to resume the use of the room they so generously donated us for over a year, and now the Sunday school is meeting in another place. They have had a prosperous year.

Courtland, Grand Island, and Staten Island, points on this circuit, are all asking for Sunday schools. There would be an average of twenty-five pupils at each point. Courtland wants a kindergartner, for which it will provide a schoolroom, home (if Japanese), and pay all or nearly all the tuition. Brother Imai should have an assistant, as he is the only trained Christian worker in this circuit, which has a Japanese population of six thousand that may be considered permanent and which is augmented to ten thousand during the busy seasons.

Baptisms for the year: Oakland, four men, four children; Alameda, nine men, five women, two children; Walnut Grove, five men, two children; total, thirty-three Japanese. Money contributed toward current expenses: Oakland, \$108.94; Alameda (including school tuition), \$718.61; Walnut Grove (not including the building fund), \$126; total, \$953.55.

The year 1917 closes with one hundred members, forty-one probationers, five Sunday schools with an enrollment of one hundred and

ninety-four, and three Epworth Leagues with seventy-five members. Quite a number of our members have removed to Japan and to other parts of this country.

THE KOREAN MISSIONS.

The Korean work for 1917 has been encouraging, although the number of baptisms has been smaller than usual. The large majority of Koreans coming here have been baptized in Korea or the Hawaiian Islands. We can report only one adult baptized, a woman at our Sacramento Mission, but eleven young Americans of Korean descent have been consecrated to God by their parents.

Rev. S. Y. Whang, who has been in charge of the Sacramento Circuit for five years, accepted a work scholarship at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex., and entered in September, 1917. His successor is Rev. C. K. Yim, who graduated from the California State University in December, 1917.

During the year there has been quite an exodus of Koreans from the southern part of the State to the portion that is under our supervision. They have left the orange and lemon groves and the sugar beet fields to engage in rice culture. The Korean National Association estimates that there will be an addition of approximately five hundred to the seven hundred already in Northern California. This movement suggested a meeting of the Korean Christian workers of California, and a council was held in Dinuba between Christmas and New Year's, which was attended by a number of representative Christian Koreans. Rev. David Lee was elected chairman and C. H. Min, of the Presbyterians in Southern California, secretary. It was determined to organize a permanent council, with regular meetings in August and December and called meetings when deemed essential. The temporary officers named were made permanent. In view of the paucity of Korean Christian literature, it was determined to publish a quarterly in the Korean language to contain the text of the International Sunday School Lessons for the ensuing quarter; a systematic course of study of the Old Testament, prepared by David Lee; another of the New Testament, by Rev. C. H. Min; and a résumé of Church news and items of interest, prepared by C. K. Yim. The three preachers named will have general supervision of the quarterly. It was also decided to have a Bible study institute, lasting at least three days, in each mission once each year; to keep a record of all Koreans in California and of those coming and going, with their change of residence and their Church membership; to formulate a plan of systematic giving and urge all to assist in the support of Christian effort in this State; to endeavor to have all Christian Koreans to make their labor and other contracts so as to be able to keep the Christian Sabbath. We have encouraged our Koreans in this movement and believe it will benefit all greatly to have responsibility placed upon them.

The number of Sunday schools remains the same as last year. The cause is the scarcity of Korean children, and the attendants are largely adults, who compose the bulk of the classes. These schools are at San Francisco, Sacramento, and Manteca. The entire enrollment is sixty-four. Three Epworth Leagues are maintained at the same points and enroll ninety-six members. These Leagues usually take charge of the Sunday evening services, some Scriptural topic is discussed under the guidance of experienced leaders, and usually nearly every one present participates. The services are replete with interest and instruction.

Our Manteca members are planning to erect a chapel; not a pretentious structure, but one that will be a Korean mission and social center. Brother F. P. Kim has donated the use of a site for ten years,

and the members have raised about \$300. They propose to begin work February 15, 1918, and go in debt for the balance, about \$300.

The enrolled membership is two hundred and six in our five missions, and they have raised \$564.56 toward meeting current expenses. The entire amount raised by our Orientals in 1917 is \$1,518.11, an increase of \$784.13 over 1916.

MEXICAN WORK.

Holding Institute, Laredo, Tex.

DR. J. M. SKINNER, PRINCIPAL.

(Established 1881.)

Another year having passed, I am glad to submit this my fifth annual report of the work committed to me.

The year 1917 has been one of disturbed conditions throughout the world. In this section of Texas the most severe drought ever known to it has prevailed, so that from thousands of acres of tilled crops absolutely nothing was harvested. There has been very little rainfall within the last thirty months. The drought has been over a great part of the republic of Mexico, and thus poor people have been made poorer. Notwithstanding all this, while our enrollment for 1916 was 321, for 1917 it was 376, a net gain of 55. This net gain over 1916 is greater than the entire enrollment at the opening of the first year of my administration. This is rather remarkable, since the purchasing power of a dollar is but little more than half as much as it was five years ago. Times are extremely hard, and yet we have certainly been favored.

While all living expenses have advanced beyond reason, our increased attendance, as well as an increase in the number of full-pay students, along with careful attention to collecting, have brought sufficient income and ready money to meet all expenses and have a small balance at the end of each month. The utmost care has been used in buying. Everything possible has been bought at wholesale, and every discount, however small, has been taken advantage of. School supplies have been bought from manufacturers and from jobbers on their very best terms and sold to the children at regular retail prices. Thus every penny possible is turned into the school treasury.

Since I have been in charge of the school I have rendered a financial statement every month. In this way the Executive Secretary has kept in close touch with financial matters. I have had to report a deficit on four occasions—July, August, and December, 1913, and September, 1914. These were taken care of in the school without an appeal to the General Treasurer. All accounts are settled promptly at the end of each month, which not only assures us good standing with the business firms, but also gives us advantage of many small concessions, amounting to considerable in the course of a year. Since I have been in charge not a single debt has been contracted.

Only minor repairs have been made this year. Several matters were contemplated at the beginning of the year, but high prices have interfered. However, I should like to have whatever may remain from the appropriation for repairs carried over to 1918.

The matter of building having been referred to a special committee by the Council, I refrain from making suggestions or recommendations along this line.

The music department has been quite full, and it was absolutely necessary to buy another instrument.

Patent desks and slate blackboards have been put in the school-rooms in Faith Hall, which render it much easier to carry on the work there. When other schoolrooms are provided, the blackboards and desks can be removed without trouble.

Through the years the problem has been to secure teachers who will fit into the work, appreciate conditions, and give themselves unreservedly to the teaching and to the everyday life of the children. It promises to be a problem with which to reckon in the years to come. While salaries here are very good, considering the home that is furnished, almost all high schools are paying more for shorter hours. For those who come from outside Texas railroad travel is so high that very little is left at the end of the year. Salary is an item of importance, even with teachers in a mission school. Efficient teachers with a successful experience can do so much better at or near home that an offer from us is not attractive, and there are many risks in employing the young and inexperienced. The shut-in life, the restrictions that are really necessary, the long hours, the isolated location of the school with reference to the city, and the Mexican children do not appeal to one without a missionary spirit, a real missionary spirit. Yet some of the saddest failures here within the last five years have been teachers who thought they had a missionary spirit. "Distance lends enchantment to the view." What a great thing it is to live, to work, to suffer, to die as a missionary in a foreign country! But how disgusting, how restrictive, how lacking in inspiration is work for the foreigner whom God has brought into the homeland! The work at home is altogether without romance; it is prosaic. Consequently we have had our troubles here with the teacher problem, and the school will continue to suffer in this respect. For the present year everything has moved along harmoniously since last September and doubtless will continue to do so.

Since the opening in September there has been no demand for the normal department. Teaching does not appeal to-day to the Mexicans as it did in the years gone by. Business pursuits are so much more remunerative, the term of service extends through the year, and there are no periodic examinations. A so-called summer normal in which pupils are crammed for examination might attract a few for June and July.

The Bible department is doing very good work under the direction of Miss Floweree. She does not get that careful application which is the ambition of a teacher, but the Bible itself is used by each one of the children above the second grade. This, supplemented by League and Sunday school work, serves to exercise an influence that we trust will be a light upon the road of life for the children, growing brighter and brighter unto the perfect day. Religious activities of the school continue to be varied and to furnish instruction in matters moral and spiritual.

Five years ago we did our work without comment on the part of the priests of the city. Bible study or something else has brought about a change. To-day they are very active in opposing us and in preventing children from coming to us. However, their efforts do not seem to be very effective, for we continue to get Catholic children, and we continue our school methods.

The regular school work is done in a very satisfactory manner, and our methods are very pleasing to the patrons. Our pupils acquire English very readily and are complimented wherever they go.

The school continues to help Mexican children whose parents are unable to pay full price by giving them an opportunity to earn part of their expenses by serving in the dining room, cleaning school-

rooms, and so forth. This opportunity appeals very strongly to the poorer people.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Homer Toberman Clinic and Wesley House.

MISS HELEN ALFTER, HEAD RESIDENT; DEACONESS ELLEN CLOUD, REGISTERED NURSE; DEACONESS MARY HANSCOM, CLUBS AND CLASSES.

As we close another year's work at the Homer Toberman Mission, we wish to say, as did Jeremiah: "The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him." He has richly blessed his work and workers here the past year.

Our Church was without a pastor for half of the year, but even that was used of our Great Shepherd to strengthen his flock. We opened our weekly cottage prayer meetings in the homes of members and friends and had an average attendance of twenty-five for the year. As we have heard the stronger ones pray for and with those who were making their first attempt to talk to their Heavenly Father, we could but feel that the Father's ear was inclined to hear and his Spirit present to strengthen. Our average attendance at Sunday school for the year was sixty-four, at evening services thirty-six, and at the choral class twenty-seven. We are trusting our Father for results from the 1,585 visits it was our privilege to make and the 2,325 received.

As we waited for God to enable us to meet the unlimited opportunities that came to us daily, our number of workers increased. Miss Mary Hanscom joined us in May to be the living link between Trinity Church and our mission, dividing her time equally between the two places. Note her joy and hope for her girls' club work, also for her night school class. Miss Teresa Flores joined us as housekeeper July 1. Her zeal for souls will be understood when I tell you I have seen her sell a Bible while she prepared beans for dinner and have heard her advise her own people to fast one day in order to have the wherewith to buy a Bible.

Rev. Arthur Marston and family came in October to have charge of our Mexican Church. Together we are waiting on our Heavenly Father for steady growth in this the most important department of his work. We also feel greatly indebted to God for the volunteer helpers of all the departments.

Again we must say that our night school has been used definitely of God to feed the Church. Of our thirty-two Mexican fathers and mothers enrolled, twenty-six have attended our church, seven have been received as members, five are candidates for Church membership, and ere the school year closes we are asking God for the salvation of the souls of every member of the night school. As these fathers and mothers accept Christ the whole family comes into the Church.

Two of our most capable doctors have gone in answer to the call of our nation, but God has raised up others to fill their places, for which we praise him. Because of the Red Cross work carried on in the public school, two blocks distant from us, we have only contributed financially to that work.

In reporting the work of the medical department of the Homer Toberman Mission there is a confident joy that no words can express—joy over seeing the work prosper and the confidence that is gained by waiting upon God. With real difficulties to overcome and feeling helpless, it has been blessed to wait and see God's wondrous way of working. Improvement in the clinics has been steady; the influence of the doctors has been helpful in making our work worth while. Through the evangelistic work of the interpreter the soul needs of the patients are met as well as the physical, and thus many are brought

to learn about and to love our Saviour. We do not report so many definite conversions, but rather a steady growth in the lives of those touched and a greater appreciation of the work in the community.

One thing we emphasize strongly is the point of value received. If the patients come to get treatment at a clinic just to get out of paying a fair price, they are taught a lesson they are not looking for, and we usually get good response. Their better natures are appealed to, and they respect our work. We call attention to the fact that \$360.17 was contributed by our patients this past year. There were 2,807 patients treated.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Trinity Church.

DEACONESS MARY HANSCOM.

As I came to Los Angeles, Dr. Selecman named me the living link, since my time was to be divided between Trinity Church and the Homer Toberman Mission. It has been rather hard to live up to that name, as it seems as if I were trying to spread over too much territory to be very effective anywhere.

During the summer months my time was wholly given to the mission, while Miss Alfter and Miss Cloud took their rest. Beginning with September, three days have been spent at the mission and three at Trinity Church.

Miss Alfter gave me the Girls' Club work at the mission. The girls of our Mexican families are all under fourteen. We have a sewing class, with about twenty-five enrolled. Several of the Trinity ladies are helping me with the sewing. Of course the public schools have a course in sewing, but I find that the parents and the girls are anxious for more industrial work.

One of the rooms of the clinic was fitted up as a cooking room. There is just room for six girls. I have organized four classes, with an enrollment of twenty. Two of these classes are conducted by two fine volunteer teachers, who are doing splendid work with the children. The sewing class is open to any girl over six. On account of a lack of space we have had to limit the cooking classes to the girls of our mission.

As Miss Alfter was out of the work during December, the plans for Christmas were given to me. The work was a joy. Trinity came to my help in a wonderful way. Their gifts of money and baskets of food were so liberal that we were able to take care of our people in a truly beautiful tree. All of our needy families received baskets of food and clothing. At the Christmas entertainment the children of the chorus class furnished the program. A tree, with candy, fruit, and toys for all who were there, was a feature of the evening. We feel that our people had a real joy and that Trinity received a real blessing in their giving.

At Trinity Church Dr. Selecman gave me the Young People's Department. That work has been wonderful. The young people are a fine, capable set. One has only to start a movement, and the young people carry it through. With the help of Miss Edna Lee Booker, the young women presented the pageant, "The Spirit of Scarritt." It was well staged and considered a success. I have been teaching the Philathea Class of young business women, a fine class of the Sunday school.

A special effort has been made to keep the needs of our mission and the needs of the Mexican people before our Trinity Church.

San Antonio, Tex.—Wesley House.

MISS NORWOOD WYNN, HEAD RESIDENT; MISS CLAUDIA WANNAMAKER, CLUB WORKER; MISS ELLA KERR BUTCHER, KINDERGARTNER.

After a little more than three years of the life of "a bird of passage," September 1 found me in San Antonio in the capacity of one of the workers in the Wesley House and under the Woman's Council again. Of the four departments of missions in the Church, I have worked under three. I might be able to express a preference by this time.

To watch the building of a Wesley House from the sheet of paper which Mrs. Hewitt and I blocked out one night—not what we wanted, but what could be built at the time—to its completion was a task full of interest during the months of September and October. And then the days of occupation! November 11, the day of the formal opening, was a perfect Texas fall day. About one hundred and fifty Methodist Americans inspected the building, admired it as a new and long-desired possession is always admired, and went away feeling that one more goal in their lives had been reached. That same night about the same number of Mexican friends came to claim the Wesley House as theirs. Very few of the people from the new neighborhood into which we had moved were present. The Church people and friends already established made up the crowd. The old Mexican woman who lives across the street in front of us still frowns her disapproval at having a Protestant institution in the vicinity.

After the opening the question was, where to begin and what to do first as of prime importance. We are in the midst of twenty thousand Mexicans, all of whom are in need of something and most of them so blinded to their real need that they are not conscious of it.

This is my first experience in a Wesley House as a worker. From the very beginning there has been constantly before me one very great and real danger, and that is of becoming so engrossed in the many lines of activity that so quickly come into life on every hand that the true aim of all this work is lost from sight. How to lead all these different people—big, little, old, and young—to the Master himself is the problem of the Wesley House. He called us to be fishers of men, and to me everything from the kindergarten up should be different kinds of bait to catch human beings.

Soon after I reached San Antonio one of the members of the Dorcas Society expressed a desire to study the Bible systematically. We at once organized a class and began the study of the "Harmony of the Gospels." The members of the class were so unaccustomed to writing or reading script that I found I would not only have to translate the lessons, but make sufficient copies for each member to have one for home study. But "the Lord doth provide." Some friends in North Texas, learning of my need, sent me a brand-new Neostyle as my personal property; and I wonder now how I could have gotten along this winter without it, not only for this Bible class, but in other departments of the work as well. This woman's Bible class has been a great blessing to both pupils and teacher. The women are putting into direct practice what they are learning by conducting weekly cottage prayer meetings.

My Sunday school class of girls from twelve to fifteen years of age presented the problem of how to get a stronger hold on them than the hour of Sunday school offers. They wanted to belong to the Camp Fire Girls, and I decided to be guardian of one of the two organizations we have. There are other members than just the Sunday school girls, but the club affords a fine opportunity for close personal contact. Several of the girls are working for the honor bead, given for

reciting one hundred verses from the Bible. We are making trench candles now, with visions of more patriotic work in the future.

One feature of the Wesley House that has given a great deal of real pleasure both to the guests and the hostesses has been the custom we have established of inviting several young men or women for the Sunday evening meal. With very little extra trouble and expense, we are showing these young people this glimpse of home life such as they never have elsewhere.

So far we have only one basket ball and court in the way of playground equipment, but that one ball has to do service for two teams of large boys and young men, a Boy Scouts' organization, two Camp Fires, and a Junior Scouts.

A splendid young man who is here in the service of his country during the present crisis made us a gift of \$75 for Spanish books for the library. This filled a very great need, as all the books we had were in English.

Visiting is always an interesting feature of the work, I presume. To me it seems especially so, for very few of the women can speak English, and Spanish proves an "open sesame" into the home. This is a vast field for evangelistic work, and the people are approachable—I mean many of them are. I wish that the detail work of the house did not consume so much of my time that I might be giving to the hungry people around us.

Miss Wannamaker reports:

"I reached San Antonio September 12, 1917; but as the new Wesley House was not completed until November 9, my club work was not started until shortly after that date. Having never come in contact with Mexicans before, I am still in the very early kindergarten stage of my experience with them. However, I find them intensely interesting, and the children are unusually responsive.

"The clubs have not been organized very rapidly, as I wished to start each one on a sound basis. The sewing school has the largest enrollment, jumping from twenty-eight to forty-two in a single afternoon. The children are enthusiastic over the doll clothes they are making. Of course they had the privilege of naming their sewing school baby. I was hoping they would give her one of their fascinating Spanish names, and I even used the power of suggestion by having one of the Mexican helpers tell the story of one Josefa, a heroine of Mexican fame. But 'they would none of it,' and the baby was named Mary Louise. I inquired: 'Maria Louisa or Mary Louise?' But they emphatically informed me that it was the latter they wished, so Mary Louise she is.

"Two Camp Fire groups have been organized, Miss Wynn having charge of the 12-15 age and I the older girls. Until we get them thoroughly organized we are limiting our membership to twelve in each group. The romance of the Camp Fire makes a strong appeal to the Mexican girl, and we are also working in as much patriotism as seems wise. The girls are making trench lighters and are planning to knit little covers for the Belgian babies. We have to be so careful in regard to such work, for many of the parents get such distorted ideas and seem to have a panicky fear that their children are going to be drafted and sent to France. I assure them that they would have a hard time getting them sent there, but I am sure many of them remain unconvinced.

"The boys' work is my joy and pride. Of course they are boys in every inch of their wiggling anatomies, but that is a very normal state, and one can look within and see a wealth of possibilities. We have three full patrols and a fourth started, but we cannot have national recognition until we secure a Scoutmaster. Men are so scarce

now; but the boys are losing no time in the interim in finding a leader and are plunging into Scoutism with characteristic zeal. A recent and intensely interesting feature is the establishment of a boys' court, in which the boys try their own cases. A former Boy Scout (a Mexican seventeen years old and a junior in high school) is their judge, and the patrol leaders play the double rôle of detectives and prosecuting attorneys. Such cases as smoking, using bad language, etc., are tried; and no adult conceptions of law and justice are imposed upon them, the boys being allowed to work out their own conceptions of such. The absolute democracy is shown in the following. A boy was being tried for smoking and said: 'Mr. Judge, what you going to do about this? I offered my patrol leader a cigarette, and he smoked it.' The stern gaze of the 'judge' was transferred to the accused patrol leader, who was requested to leave his high seat in the judicial precinct and stand in the prisoners' dock, where he not only confessed his guilt, but his determination to smoke no more, whereupon he was restored to his former high position. Fired by this democratic atmosphere, one boy said: 'Let's try the judge.' 'Certainly you may,' he replied. The boys thought hard, but finally one said: 'There ain't a thing to try you for, for we ain't never seen you smoking and never heard you use a bad word.' I wish you could have seen the 'judge's' face as he said to me afterwards: 'I was proud of my record and mean to stick to it more than ever.' 'First-time offenders' are treated very leniently by this 'judge'; but if the wrongdoing is persisted in, he imposes such penalties as money fines, denial of basket ball privileges, and 'hard labor' on the playground cleaning up. One boy, just after he had been sentenced, said, 'Pshaw! I don't care,' whereupon the 'judge' fined him for 'contempt of court.' What I am writing is second-hand information shared with me by the 'judge.' We consult together about 'legal technicalities'; but, being a 'mere woman,' I find it better to keep hands off (at least apparently) when 'man enters the judicial realm.' At any rate, the 'judge' and I have decided to follow the plan of Judge Lindsey and have no publicity and 'playing to the gallery' in this court. We want the boys to feel truly in earnest about it and that their self-respect and confidence will be absolutely conserved.

"This week two morning classes will be organized for the children who are in school in the afternoon (double session), also a night club for the girls working in a near-by pecan-shelling factory. The latter are almost all Catholics and very suspicious, so that organization will probably be very slow. But I hope we shall be able to win the friendship of these girls and help give them some of the things they need, as well as self-expression."

Miss Ellen Kerr Butcher reports for the kindergarten:

"I came to San Antonio on the 13th of July to take the place of Miss Ethel McCaughan. At that time we did not have a Wesley House where the regular activities could be carried on, but we used two small rooms in the parsonage of our Mexican church. These rooms were used as a library, club room, music room, office, employment bureau, and a place for all social gatherings. Although at times it seemed almost impossible to carry on the work there, we kept on praying and working for a larger place.

"Visiting in the morning and office hours in the afternoon, with the work I did in the Mexican Church, kept me quite busy. I had a Sunday school class of girls and a girls' club in connection with this class. I was First Superintendent of the Epworth League and Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Society. Aside from this, there were the needy cases to attend to, the sick to provide medical attention for, and

finding employment for the many who came daily. As never before, I found the need of a home where orphans could be cared for or a place where mothers who were obliged to work could send their children. That seemed one of the greatest needs last summer. The opportunity of visiting in the homes meant so much to me before beginning my regular kindergarten work.

"On November 14 we opened the kindergarten with a splendid attendance. We have an ideal kindergarten room. It is 30x40 feet and has ten windows and three doors. The green paper on the wall and the woodwork, with our white curtains, make it very attractive. It means so much to take the children from their homes, some of which are not fit for any one to live in, and place them, if only for several hours a day. As we have no appropriation for our material, we have to depend on donations and what some of the children are able to pay each week. We have had several nice donations, which have added to the equipment we had. One of our soldier boys gave us the money for a sand table and our curtains, and the Philathea Class of Travis Park Church gave us two and a half dozen new chairs. Several Sunday school classes helped with donations during Christmas.

"Our attendance has been splendid. We now have thirty-five on roll. As it is almost impossible to get volunteer help, I am not able to take any more. Every day I realize more and more the importance of the kindergarten in settlement work, and my earnest prayer is that we may be able to secure more consecrated teachers to take up the work.

"We celebrated Christmas in a very simple way, but I am sure the children will never forget what they learned. We had a beautiful Christmas tree and gave them fruit and candy. Thirty-three children and over one hundred visitors were present. Many of the mothers have asked that we have a demonstration at night, when the parents can come and see what the children are doing. So we are going to do so on Washington's birthday.

"In connection with my kindergarten, I have charge of the beginners' department of our Mexican Church. This means that we can lead them from the kindergarten right into the Sunday school and the Church. Four girls are helping me in this department, and they are interested in the work, and I feel that this work will mean much to them. We need trained Sunday school teachers, and I feel that in this way they will soon be able to take charge of the department. We are working hard to get a room built for our beginners' department and Junior League.

"Our Epworth League is doing a wonderful work. As First Superintendent I can see what the devotional meetings mean to them, especially when they conduct them. It is one of the best-organized Leagues I have seen anywhere. In connection with the League I have charge of a knitting club. So we are also doing our bit for the soldiers. We meet every Thursday night, and those who are not working come whenever they can. The girls buy their own needles and do the work. As to the material—why, in as nice a way as I can I tell folks what we are doing, and it is wonderful how many hanks of wool have been given."

Dallas, Tex.—Wesley Chapel.

DEACONESS RHODA DRAGOO.

I finished my seven years of service at Wesley Chapel on the 21st of October, 1917. It has been a seven-year warfare. The last of the three great enemies that have blighted our existence and paralyzed every effort put forth was vanquished on the 22d of October, 1917.

when the fifteen saloons in our district went out of existence, because Dallas has "gone dry." This district has been the black spot of Dallas, cursed by the illicit sale of drugs, the social evil, and the licensed saloon. The Harrison law put a stop to the sale of drugs, and the little drug stores and "dope joints" disappeared, as also did the drug fiends. Three years ago the red-light district was abolished. This was a thorough "clean-up," which made Dallas one of the cleanest cities in the United States. The last to go was the saloon. The transformation of our district is almost beyond belief. I have not seen a drunken man in the district since. There is bootlegging in the city, but not in this district. The law is being enforced.

Freed from these evil influences, Wesley Chapel can now do the constructive work that has been our dream for years. We are finding this very difficult on account of the roaming disposition of the Mexicans, who are now the only inhabitants. It is a grave mistake to allow them to live to themselves and keep up the language and customs of Mexico. If they ever become an asset to Dallas, they must be Americanized. This is what we are doing. In order to know how to live, the Mexicans must be brought in contact with the Americans. This is not an easy thing to do. Several elegant homes have been open to us. Mothers and children have been entertained. They have not only been made to feel the sweet Christian spirit, but they have seen the clean beds, the well-arranged rooms, and the well-kept yards.

I have placed ninety-three children in the Cumberland Hill School this year. Other schools admit Mexican children, but it is in the Cumberland Hill School that they are made welcome. All the children of school age in this district are in school, and it is the deaconess who sees that they are kept there. If a child is sick, he receives medical attention; if he is without clothes, there must be a reason. Work is plentiful and wages good. Section bosses and contractors apply to the chapel for Mexican labor. Money once spent for liquor now goes for groceries and clothing.

Our kindergarten has an enrollment of fifty-seven, the largest number we have ever had. They range in age from three to seven years. A most encouraging sign is the pride the mothers take in sending the children clean. A dirty child is the exception. They may be in rags, but their faces and hands are clean. When a new family moves in, they soon catch the spirit of cleanliness. It is a beautiful sight to see these little ones in the circle, each eager to take his place in the game, and watch the eager faces of the mothers as they follow the movements of the children.

We had a three months' term of night school this year, with an attendance of twenty-five men and women who could not be induced to go to the American night school.

Through the Mothers' Club we are able to do much toward bettering the home life. The mother wants the best for her child. She listens eagerly to nurse and doctor. We are placing great stress on the care of the body, exercise, food, clothing, etc. We have a short talk on health, followed by exercises and demonstrations, at every session of the club.

Our sewing school is carried on by volunteer workers who are studying Spanish. The children are learning to sew beautifully, but the refining influence of these ladies is worth far more to them than any instruction received.

Wesley Chapel is now recognized as the social center for Mexicans in Dallas. A greater number of people are being touched than ever before. We are fortunate in having as our pastor Rev. Santiago Gomez, a student at the Southern Methodist University.

Our Sunday school has an enrollment of seventy-five. The regular services are held in Spanish.

American citizenship, which means Christian citizenship, is the aim of our efforts. The Mexican must know and appreciate our institutions. He must love our country and reverence our flag. If we fall short of these aims, our missionary effort is a failure.

CUBAN WORK.

Wolff Settlement, Tampa, Fla.

MISS HATTYE G. SELLERS, HEAD RESIDENT; MISS MARY A. LEE, MISSIONARY;
MISS MARTHA LEWIS, KINDERGARTNER; MISS LULA MARSH, NURSE.

The year 1917 has been decidedly a year of beginning and organization. This institution has a record of twenty years back of it, showing that the women of Southern Methodism have not been indifferent to the needs of the Latin American in our midst. But the work here, as frequently elsewhere among foreigners, started as a school; and only a year ago, when the public-school system in Tampa had advanced to a point equal to the demands upon it, did the Council decide to discontinue the school work and instead continue activities as a community center.

This period of change has not been without its difficulties; but we have been saved from discouragement in the inner consciousness of the worth-whileness of the task and in meeting with a fair degree of success. It has been a source of special pleasure to see the response of the young people throughout the city as volunteer workers; their interest and coöperation always supply new strength. As the year has gone on we have had opportunity of meeting with some of the more influential Latin women. Settlement work, of course, is new to them, but they are interested and have appointed a committee from their Civic Association to work with the American committee in raising funds and maintaining the baby clinic and milk station connected with our work.

During the summer a large outdoor gymnasium, equipped with showers, lockers, etc., was erected specifically to accommodate the extension work that the Y. M. C. A. agreed to carry on with our boys. This building has been indispensable not only for the boys' work, but for all of the larger groups meeting each week. The enrollment of all the clubs and classes has been very gratifying for a beginning, overrunning the rooms in the older building and driving all to the fresh air and light of the more spacious gymnasium. As the yard is quite sandy, this building is the favorite place for play; the kindergarten holds its sessions there, and it is the only place large enough for community socials. We had three hundred and twenty-five people at our Halloween party, so that even this building was filled. More than half of the money necessary for the erection of this building was raised by our local people; the other was supplied by the Council, as agreed by the Council in April.

There was another great need of the community that continually faced us with insistent emphasis. In the adult clinic, which our nurse conducts four blocks from us, the doctors, each a specialist, objected to treating babies; and because of the medical societies that seem to be the bane of a foreigner's existence and a menace to their physical well-being, the little babies were overlooked and unattended, some actually starving through the ignorance of their mothers. So it seemed

wise to have a baby clinic and milk station, that we might be sure the doctor's directions were carried out in quantity and quality of feeding. Dr. Rowlett, who is the leading baby specialist of the city, is the physician attending this department. A fund was soon raised for fitting out two rooms for this purpose. Several babies have been treated in the clinic; but as some of the milk station equipment had not been installed, we will not be able to open it before the 1st of February.

Much time has been given by me to enlisting public interest and securing coöperation. A number of the juvenile court boys in Ybor City report to me as probation officer. I have coöperated and worked with our Cuban women in the Red Cross campaign and am trying to arrange, when they organize an auxiliary, to have them use the Settlement as a meeting place.

Our great need for the coming year is more visiting and a day nursery. The field is very large and to a great extent untouched. We have the interest of the homes that we visit; but as the working hours of the people conflict with our class work, much visiting is impossible with our limited force of workers.

Not long ago I received a call from one of the Juvenile Court Committee and was asked to arrange some plan for the children of working parents. The committee had found, practically without exception, that the children who came into court were those left at home unsupervised while the widowed mother or the mother and father tried to eke out a living income for the very large family.

Our work has had to pay its toll in the heavy demands of war work. Three times since October has the boys' leader from the Y. M. C. A. been changed, as one after the other has volunteered. In December Miss Marsh, our nurse, who had been living with us since May, was called by the government to take up base hospital work in Spartanburg, S. C. Fortunately, another nurse was found to take her place the last of December, and no serious lapse was felt in this department.

Miss Delgado has continued her teaching in the three lower grades with independent support. She has been handicapped by the ill health of her mother, but she is always a loyal and faithful member of our band of workers.

Miss Lee reports her work as follows:

"This year has indeed been a happy one, so full of opportunities, ministering to a very needy people. My heart goes out to them in an especial way because of their great ignorance and superstition and with no knowledge of our living Christ. As we realize under what conditions the little children are forced to live, it makes one wish for a thousand lives to give in their behalf.

"Under my supervision I have had the sewing school, kitchen garden, story hour, and boys' industrial club.

"The children in the sewing school have been very much interested in their work, all looking to the day when they will be the happy possessors of a suit of garments made by themselves.

"In the kitchen-garden class we have fifteen little maids of ten years who are learning to help mamma at home with a happy heart and a cheery song and no longer a thought of drudgery.

"Both boys and girls have been interested in the story hour and are very much delighted when allowed to take part in dramatizing a story. In November they presented 'The First Thanksgiving' and repeated it in the church, to the enjoyment of all present. At other times we have dramatized fairy stories and given missionary appeals in costume which have added color and interest.

"The boys in the Industrial Club are from seven to twelve years of

age, the youngest making cardboard furniture, the next class doing simple carpentry, and the older boys making hammocks.

"I have also had charge of a choir and Sunday school class in our Cuban Church, assisted in the Girls' Club, visited in the homes, and attended the missionary societies in our American Churches."

Miss Lewis reports her work as follows:

"The large open-air gymnasium is an ideal place for holding the kindergarten. Our little people enjoy it so thoroughly that many of them come before we finish breakfast.

"From September to January we enrolled fifty-three children, representing thirty-eight different homes, with a daily average attendance of thirty-two."

"Through the generosity of the City Mission Board of Tampa a delightful lunch was served the children at Christmas. To see forty-five little hungry ones seated around the dainty tables and enjoying to their utmost the rich milk, cakes, and fruit was a sight not soon forgotten. The ladies of Hyde Park Church delighted each little heart with a Christmas gift. The children took great pleasure in singing Christmas songs and listening to the stories of the 'Baby Jesus' and telling them 'to mamma.'

"Besides teaching kindergarten three hours daily, I have been able to make one hundred and ninety visits in the neighborhood and to teach the primary class in Sunday school, the average attendance of which is thirty-five.

"I am very happy in my work and thank God for permitting me to labor for him in this needy field."

West Tampa.—Wesley House.

MISS LILLIE FOX, HEAD RESIDENT; DEACONESS SOPHIA RICHARDSON;
MISS SARA RYLEY, KINDERGARTNER.

"Judgment day" has come again, and an account must be rendered, and we render it with joy because of the opportunities that have been ours and that we have been able to accomplish some things. The Lord has been truly with us, and we have gone forward.

At the beginning of the year 1917 our household consisted of the head resident; Miss Jane Owens, kindergartner; her mother, Mrs. B. B. Owens, who was visiting Miss Jane, and who was as truly a missionary as the employed workers; Miss Lula Marsh, nurse; and Señora Dolores Ozeguera, our friendly visitor. Señora Ozeguera lives so near us and is with us so much of the time that we consider her as one of our household. During the early months of the year the head resident was ill for some time, but these faithful friends increased their own work and kept the work of the institution moving.

The fall work of 1917 found some of the workers in other places and new ones here. Deaconess Sophia Richardson has charge of the house and looks after the needs not only of our family, but of the neighborhood friends who come seeking aid, and also assists in the various clubs and classes. She is invaluable to us. Miss Sara Ryley, of Kentucky, is the successor of Miss Owens in the kindergarten department and is doing splendid work. Señora Ozeguera is still with us, visiting among her people. Miss Adele Pattillo was with us for a month assisting while the head resident attended a most inspiring conference of the Mexico missionaries held in El Paso, Tex., in December. We wish she could remain, as she is so helpful and so charming.

The kindergarten has had its most successful year, more children having been enrolled and the average attendance greater. It is in-

interesting to see these little Americans of the Cuban variety learning their first lessons in patriotism as they sing, march, and salute the flag. They are always happy; but when they hear the stories of the Thanksgiving season and the Babe of Bethlehem and the new life born at Easter time, how their beautiful brown eyes shine!

The sewing school has increased this fall term in numbers and interest. The babies are doing the punch work and simple things, others are making a complete outfit for a doll, others are making the outfit for her little bed, and the older ones are making garments for themselves. They are taught the English hymns, songs, and Bible while they sew. Their Christmas party was a happy one for them.

It is difficult to get in touch with the mothers and older girls. Working, as they do, in the factories from five in the morning to three or much of the time later in the afternoons, they have little time except for the drudgery in their homes. The young ladies have their work and their "novias" (sweethearts), so it is difficult to reach them. We have made a beginning, however, and have held our Mothers' Club and Young Women's Club.

Our new line of work has been our boys' work. We have a night school with an enrollment of twenty-one young men and boys. We have three clubs with an enrollment of sixty-three. The Y. M. C. A. has been coöperating with us in this work. They are great boys, and we hope to make Christian men and intelligent American citizens out of them.

For various reasons the clinic had to be closed last spring; but our faithful doctors are caring for our sick as usual, but the patients have to be sent to their offices.

The City Mission Board, the local Churches, pastors, our presiding elder, Rev. J. D. Lewis, and our pastor, Rev. G. Perez, are still our faithful friends and sympathetic helpers.

The report would not be complete without something about our religious work. Our Sunday school has been graded through the junior department. Our Junior League and Missionary Society have enrolled one hundred and fifty. Our Woman's Missionary Society of thirty members has done splendidly. Besides their dues, they paid \$12.25 for the Week of Prayer.

Deaconess Sophia Richardson reports:

"I reached West Tampa September 1. Of course my ignorance of Spanish is a great handicap. But while there are very many things that I cannot do, still there are many things that I can do. I can look after the housekeeping; I can receive and list the garments and other articles contributed and also help in the distribution of them and thus give Miss Fox more time for the many things that I cannot do.

"In the Sunday school I have a class of nine girls in the teen age who understand and speak English. Two of these girls work in cigar factories; most of the others attend the public schools. My class in the sewing school is made up largely of the same girls. I visit them in their homes and try to keep in touch with them in every possible way. Several of them had a part on the program in our Christmas exercises, which were mostly in English. They rendered them very well.

"In our night school for working boys I have a class, the average attendance of which is six, ranging in ages from fifteen to seventeen. They have all attended the public schools, but dropped out in the fourth and fifth grades in order to go to work. They seem anxious to go on with their studies and gladly avail themselves of the opportunity offered by our school. They are bright and intelligent boys, and I enjoy my work with them very much."

Miss Ryley reports the kindergarten as follows:

"I find the children bright and responsive. The attendance has been almost equal to the enrollment, which is very encouraging and is the point I strive to make the mothers appreciate.

"Our Christmas party and the tree were quite a success, there being about twelve mothers in attendance, who enjoyed and seemed to appreciate the work and what was being done for their children. One mother said her little boy was subject to gruesome imaginings and upon suggestion had sent him to the kindergarten, and she was pleased and grateful for the improvement. I have charge of the beginners' and primary departments of the Sunday school and also a class in the sewing school."

ITALIAN WORK.

Birmingham, Ensley, Ala.—Community House.

MISS DOROTHY L. CRIM, HEAD RESIDENT; MISS E. DURHAM, DOMESTIC ECONOMY TEACHER; MISS CARABELL HOLLINGSWORTH, KINDERGARTEN TEACHER.

To the splendid, faithful service of our large number of volunteer workers and to the increasing coöperative spirit of the neighborhood we attribute to a great extent the ease with which the large amount of work has been accomplished this year. We find an increasing tendency on the part of our older folk to render service instead of having so much done for them. Of the thirty-eight entertainments given at the Community House, twenty-four have been given by the neighborhood.

Each year has found our place more of a community center, a place where a larger number, perplexed or troubled, come to have life and American life interpreted and a place where the love of God is more studied and loved.

A Children's Clinic, a Young Ladies' Club, and a Junior Athletic Club have been added this year to our activities.

Three doctors and two nurses come to us from an interested corporation. One doctor, an eye, ear, and nose specialist, and a nurse came from the city. Since the middle of August seven hundred and four patients have been treated, and forty-six tonsilotomy operations have been performed. The interested corporation furnishes all drugs, etc.

We have a splendid senior and junior athletic director. The Senior Athletic Club has contributed equipment and has given many socials. Here we can see results from our five years of work, in that ideals as well as ideas are being inculcated.

Perhaps none of our organizations has done more for the neighborhood than has our Mothers' Club. This club has grown steadily in number and interest, and their love for the Bible has grown. They assisted with the splendid baby welfare demonstration and have done much Red Cross work.

Good work has been done in the night school. The game and reading room, open every evening, is well attended. The playground has had excellent supervision part of the time and is daily well attended.

Miss Durham reports:

"Sewing school: Fine attendance, well organized, splendid work. The volunteer teachers are most faithful and capable women.

"Through the little mothers' class the Italian community was given much-needed instruction concerning the baby's layette.

"The girls of the senior fifth grade of the Ward School have met weekly for instruction in housekeeping. As the home, house-planning, cleaning, etc., were discussed, the girls found their ideal homes quite different from the quarters in which they were reared. It was the pride of their hearts to keep the model kitchen, dining room, and bedroom up to the standard. Many new Italian homes have been planned after these three models.

"The cooking classes were large and well attended from the beginning of the term, the girls being very enthusiastic over Hooverizing. Many of the foreign families were induced to eat corn bread. The success of cooking was not only determined by class work, but also tested in homes. One or two received aid in invalid cookery. On request war time recipes were given to volunteer workers. It was thoroughly demonstrated that Christianity could be applied in a cooking class. When a served class was ready to partake of the meal one little girl asked: 'Aren't we going to pray about it?' Not one meal was served without thanking the Heavenly Father."

Miss Hollingsworth adds her report:

"Our large number of kindergarten children have been faithful. We make our kindergarten a place where the children live three hours each day, a place where we educate the head, heart, and hand. We seek to discover aid and supply the way under which the little child can show its character or nature most completely, for we realize that the little buds must be carefully nurtured if they produce beautiful flowers.

"Realizing that the twenty-four little girls of the Little Housekeepers' Club are the future home makers and that they are of such an impressionable age, we present the ideal home and try to inculcate the right principles of home. Each club day some part of the home is worked out through actual doing. Songs and games have their place, and our devotional always.

"Our Little Boys' Club is composed of the brightest, most enthusiastic fellows under ten years to be found anywhere. We have been doing good work and at present are busily engaged in furnishing a doll house."

ITALIAN AND FRENCH WORK.

New Orleans, La.—St. Mark's Hall.

DEACONESS HELEN GIBSON, HEAD RESIDENT; MISS FRANCES DENTON,
KINDERGARTNER; MISS RUTH ELLYSON BYERLY, WORK WITH GIRLS;
MISS EMMA G. VOGEL, MISSIONARY-NURSE.

St. Mark's Hall is situated in the heart of the old French quarter, surrounded on the Esplanade by many palatial old homes still occupied by scions of the original owners. Within half a block on side streets are congested tenements, interspersed with smaller shacks, inhabited by people of many nationalities. It has been said that among the daily passers-by more different nationalities are represented than in any street in any other city of our country. There are Italians, Mexicans, Spanish, French, Syrians, Chinese, and Central Americans. We have a family of four resident workers. St. Mark's Hall is a constant living effort toward Christianizing and Americanizing the foreign-born settlers. The daily intercourse is the only way it can be genuinely accomplished. There is a mutual assimilation of ideas. The present workers are too new to have influenced to a large extent the civic, recreational, and educational interests of our neighborhood, but

they are working to that end. They coöperate with the schools, had a part in an antituberculosis drive, and have made a systematic canvass of our district twice during the year. Almost without exception the activities of other years have continued. In addition, we have added a supply store, reading room and library, a Junior Camp Fire, and classes in English. We are also opening a new department of work with boys, with Miss Cora Godat in charge. Fifty-nine have been enrolled. Conserving the boys in New Orleans is surely of supreme importance.

Because of the completion of the new St. Mark's Church we have moved our office to the front room on the first floor and have rooms also for a neighborhood parlor and reading room. We are thus enabled to get closer to the people than before. All of the work has been adapted to war time conditions. Our girls were responsible for a precinct in women's registration; they secured signers for the food pledge and sold savings stamps. The Scouts sold liberty bonds. Because of the war we have lost a number of good volunteers. Our workers have felt the need of putting great stress on prayer in the homes, and they have shown a beautiful spirit of coöperation with the Church activities.

Miss Byerly submits the following report:

"For the past seven months it has been my privilege to be in charge of our girls' work at St. Mark's Hall. There are peculiar temptations which must be encountered in this district, which we try to offset with our organized clubs and classes. For the older girls we have Camp Fire, knitting, and dressmaking classes. For the younger girls there are cooking, sewing, and Junior Camp Fire. It is a privilege to go into the homes of these foreign people, poor and unkempt though they be, to show them how to improve conditions or make the best of what they have, sometimes indeed only to listen to the stories of sorrow, and to speak a comforting word. Thus the mornings are spent.

"In the direction of the Junior Missionary Society and my Sunday school class of twelve junior girls I find untold joy. Training our boys and girls in giving, working, and praying is a precious trust, and I find here a peculiar opportunity for the close spiritual touch. It would do your heart good to see them bring their offerings, conduct their programs, and lift their hearts in prayer. Five of them have united with our Church. I realize that I have entered the field at the harvest time and in some instances am reaping others' sowing.

"Of supreme interest are the two groups of Camp Fire Girls, numbering thirty-one. Monthly hikes are a part of their program. They have been active in patriotic work, have staged a play, and are now planning a fair for the benefit of their outing fund.

"It has been a happy time of service, as I have tried to better physical conditions and to show forth Christ day by day, and at the close of the year my heart cries out eagerly:

"Lord, if I may,
I'll serve another day."

Miss Vogel reports as follows:

"It has been a great privilege to be affiliated for the past five months with the clinic work at St. Mark's Hall. A field richer in opportunity for serving the Master's needy ones would be hard to find. We have six clinics each week—one for the ear, nose, and throat, one eye clinic, and four general clinics. The attendance has been phenomenally large. Sometimes there have been seventy-five patients on a single afternoon. The number of clinics has been increased, so that each case may be handled there thoroughly. In July we were fortunate to have

a new laboratory equipment given us by the City Board of Missions, and one of the rooms was fitted up for this work. It was my privilege to take a course in laboratory diagnosis, so that I am now able to do some of this work for the doctors. One of the joys of the work is following up the cases in the homes. The patients show their gratitude in many ways. We are fortunate in having a Sickles drug station in our building.

"It is also my privilege to work in the home department of our Sunday school, which fits in admirably with my other work and gives an opportunity for a personal and spiritual touch. A number have come into the Sunday school and Church from this department, and it is our prayer that many may be healed spiritually as well as physically."

Houma, La.—French Work.

MISS ELLA HOOPER, MRS. LAURA WHITE.

We have been at work in the French mission district in Louisiana for three and a half months; and though we have made only a small beginning in this vast needy field, God's blessing has been distinctly upon the work, and we feel that it has been worth while.

Eight years ago I first came to Terrebonne Parish as a public school teacher. During the three years among this people, whose lives are so darkened and blighted by ignorance and superstition, I realized the need of a Christian industrial school. So last year, knowing that the Woman's Missionary Council had also hopes of establishing such a school, I wrote asking the privilege of helping to get it started. Mrs. White, an experienced social worker and business woman as well as a consecrated Christian, was likewise interested in the plan, and we were very happy when we received news of our appointment. It was suggested that, as the public schools here had reached such a high point of efficiency, the school was not the greatest need, so the plan was somewhat modified. We were to establish headquarters in some central station and from there go out to other points, assisting in Sunday schools, organizing missionary societies, visiting in the homes, and helping in any way possible in the evangelization and development of the people. For this purpose a car was provided, and we have traveled more than fourteen hundred miles, touching many homes and individuals.

Houma was decided upon as the logical headquarters, being most accessible from all points in Terrebonne and Lafourche Parishes. We rented a house and began the establishment of a home, which we hoped would be a radiating center of Christian influences and a means of bringing us into closer touch with the people. This we have found to be the case, as during the two months spent in our own home we have received more than a hundred visits, while only eight or ten are recorded for the six weeks previous.

One girl is with us. She assists in the work and goes to school. We have room and equipment for two others, and there are a dozen from the country districts who eagerly desire such an opportunity for an education and who need it sorely.

We realize more and more every day that the school plan is what is most urgently needed; for although the public schools are doing a splendid work, they are overcrowded. In many sections the course offered covers only the fifth grade, and of course they do not touch the religious needs of the people. There are many girls now "too big" to attend the little country schools and not far enough advanced to enter a boarding school, even when they have the means.

The lower Terrebonne section comes in my division, and it is a field "white unto the harvest." I have a Sunday school class of young people at Bourg, those who can speak English, ranging in ages from twelve to twenty. They are organized into a Wesley Bible Class and, besides studying the Word, are learning to undertake things for the betterment of the community. These young people are the ones who are to lead and direct affairs not only in the Church, but in the whole community a few years hence; so it is a solemn privilege to have their training in hand at this time. The primary teacher in the same Sunday school is a young woman of nineteen who has only finished the fourth grade in school. Her understanding of English is very limited and also her knowledge of the Bible, but she has much native ability and an earnest spirit and eagerly avails herself of what assistance I can give her. She has also been appointed Second Vice President of the newly organized missionary society. We have had as yet only one meeting with the children, but she did splendid work in planning for it and in making the meeting a success.

The missionary society was organized at Bourg in November with seven members and increased to thirteen at the second meeting. Though the work is new to the people and many can scarcely understand English, we have had two good meetings. The President shows marked ability not only in presiding, but in catching ideas expressed in English and explaining it in French. The other officers are taking hold of their departments and are doing well. This missionary society is going to be a most powerful factor in helping the women, the class most in need of assistance.

Six miles farther up Bayou Blue there is another little Sunday school which meets in the front room of one of the homes. I have been able to attend this school only irregularly in the past, but shall soon be able to take a class there on Sunday afternoons.

We have planned for the establishment of a reading room and circulating library and have secured about a dozen books and as many periodicals. The reading room will be formally opened in January.

Mrs. Laura White reports:

"We reached Lockport, La., on September 14 and spent four days there, meeting the members of the congregation and surveying local conditions. While there we met and conferred with the District Superintendent, Brother Martin Hibert. We then came over to Houma to study conditions here and to decide which point would be the better center for our home and work. After a careful survey and conferences with those already in the field and vitally interested in the success of this work as a whole, we decided to make Houma our 'home base,' working out from there over the two parishes of Terrebonne and Lafourche.

"The work naturally divided itself about Bourg as one center, with Miss Hooper in charge, and Lockport and Raceland Prairie as the other center, with myself in charge.

"I have filled appointments at Lockport two Sunday evenings out of each month and have organized an Epworth League at that point. Nearly every time I have stayed over Monday visiting the families there and endeavoring to be of personal help wherever possible.

"At Raceland, where I have worked on week days, we have organized an Epworth League, and I am endeavoring to arouse sufficient interest to organize a Woman's Missionary Society. The congregation at Raceland is composed largely of Northwestern farmers who have bought up the reclaimed land for corn plantations, and only a few of them are Methodists, so that it is not easy to get them interested in 'Meth-

odist ways.' The recent appointment of a resident pastor for Lockport and Raceland, Brother Barrise, will be a great help.

"At Houma I have a splendid third-grade Sunday school class of girls and boys, and this class is the most encouraging part of my work in many ways. I have put my membership in the Houma Church and have joined this missionary society.

"At all three places I am endeavoring in every way possible, through visiting the sick and the well and by taking an interest in their local activities, to reach and to help individual souls to find Christ, and I pray God to guide and to bless our work."

POLYGLOT MISSIONS.

Biloxi, Miss.—Wesley House.

DEACONESS MARY HASLER, DEACONESS MATTIE R. WIKE.

Each year bears its own peculiar blessings. Just so has 1917 brought us many blessings and opportunities for service in the Master's name. This has been a busy time, but a happy time of service.

In the kindergarten our enrollment has been larger than ever before. At our May party there were seventy-two children, and great was the joy expressed on each face at the crowning of the May queen. It was a great joy to see these little kindergartners the day they went to town to see the toys and Christmas decorations. Our Christmas party was held on Friday, December 21. Each child had made a present for mother, and Santa remembered each little kindergartner.

The Sunday school has grown in many ways. The enrollment now is one hundred and thirty-eight. Our average attendance is sixty for the year, seventy for the past quarter. In September we had a special offering for Testaments for the soldiers which amounted to \$3.17. Our Lincoln-Lee Legion program was an inspiration. The temperance literature was sent into the homes by the children. The offering was \$2.57. We observed Children's Day and Rally Day. I feel that our Sunday school is a great spiritual force among the people of our community. God has richly blessed it.

The Wesley House Missionary Society has had two Bible study classes in the study of John's Gospel. The Week of Prayer offering was \$7.45, and this year they paid \$5.50 on the pledge. We have also helped with a Bible class at Main Street Church and with the study class book, "Lure of Africa."

Our average attendance at Church service has been eighty-five. The people show a great interest in the song service and in the preaching of God's Word. Various preachers and laymen come in and lead these services.

We will begin our Red Cross work within the next week. Our circle will be small, but each one is willing and eager to do her bit. One afternoon each week, under the direction of a Red Cross worker, this will be carried on.

Our playground was opened early in the fall season. There are Austrian, Polish, Spanish, and American children enjoying the swings and seesaws and other open-air games.

Miss Wike reports:

"This past year of service might be likened to grandmother's patchwork quilt. The various experiences are the many colored, oddly shaped and sized pieces which make it up. The greater part of the year was spent in Flat River. But I am thankful that I am alive and have a place of service. The Lord has greatly blessed me in his service."

"In three months at Biloxi I have done little more than get acquainted with the work and the people, but I can report a splendid opening of all class work and a wide-awake interest.

"Forty-six little ones have been cared for in the day nursery, seven hundred and sixty-two meals have been served, and there has not been a single case of sickness since its opening. On Friday evening, December 21, ten mothers and forty-five children gathered in the chapel for the Christmas party and listened with hungry hearts to the Christmas story and hymns before the games were played.

"Eighteen young women between the ages of fourteen and nineteen are taking a course in gymnastic drills and exercises. They come from both Protestant and Catholic homes and are loyal friends of the Wesley House. They showed their loyalty this year by giving a Christmas play, 'Santa Claus and the Truth Fairy,' as the main feature of our Sunday school Christmas program. Who can measure the influence of that service upon their lives? Already two have expressed their intention of attending Sunday school. They enjoyed their Christmas party, where some of them for the first time in their lives saw a prettily decorated table.

"Notwithstanding the lessened demand for a night school, we have one session a week, with an enrollment of thirty-eight boys and girls. This department had its own Christmas party too in the form of an old-time country school and spelling match. The forty present said they had never before enjoyed so much wholesome fun in one evening.

"The enrollment in the sewing school is sixty-five, with an average attendance of twenty-six. In the beginning the school was carefully graded, and we are working along practical lines. Each girl made a pair of bed slippers for her mother's Christmas gift, and there was illy suppressed joy and excitement the evening they were finished and wrapped in pretty tissue paper and tied with bright colored ribbon.

"We want to praise the splendid volunteer helpers who have helped in all departments. They have done noble and sacrificial work, and we are thankful for them and their service and for the interest and support of our many friends. This is a field of wonderful opportunity."

Fort Worth, Tex.—Wesley House.

DEACONESS EUGENIA SMITH, HEAD RESIDENT.

This Wesley House is located in a packing-house community of four thousand Mexicans, Greeks, Bohemians, and Russians. During the year we reached five hundred different homes. As I write this my seventh annual report of work among these people, my heart is filled with joy and gratitude that the loving-kindness of our God has been ours. Our loyal City Mission Board has paid the debt on our Wesley House in full during the year.

We have had four residents in the home, though only one is appointed by the Council. Mrs. Hooks has been our faithful home maker for more than two years. Miss Boyd, our friend and fellow worker for these seven years, has resided with us and enters into the work as far as is possible with her public-school duties. Miss Ruby Jane Smith, a volunteer for medical mission work, has helped for board and lodging as she nobly works her way through the medical school. As she speaks Spanish, she is a great help and inspiration.

The kindergarten teacher, Miss Marie Lawrence, resides with her family in the city, but is always on time, and the children love her well. Sixty children were enrolled, only one of whom hears English spoken in her home. Seventy-five were listed in the sewing classes.

Mrs. Anderson has charge of this department and is not only enthusiastic, but she creates interest in the work.

There have been many volunteers for service in the United States army from among our boys. Surely this is a test of their loyalty to their adopted country. At a recent social meeting it was interesting to hear them tell why they joined the army.

Our people love to come to the Wesley House for recreation and to the story hour. One dear little Serbian girl came to us from a saloon rooming house and remained here eight months. She had been brought to this country by strangers, as she had been an orphan since she was two years of age. There had been nothing but drudgery in her little life, and there was but little hope in her future. We placed her at the Waco Orphanage, though her eight months' residence with us made us long to keep her for our own.

Twenty-five Mexicans joined our little Church during the year, and there are two hundred on the Sunday school roll. The greatest need of our people is to know Jesus. As I go into their poor crowded homes and have been with them in so many death scenes, I am so grateful that God has given me the privilege of helping here. In my own strength I can do but little, but "our sufficiency is of God, and he will interpret through us."

Kansas City, Mo.—Institutional Church.

DEACONESS ELIZABETH COX, HEAD RESIDENT; DEACONESS FRANCES SCOTT, IN CHARGE OF SENIOR DEPARTMENT; DEACONESS MARY MOORE, JUNIOR DEPARTMENT; MISS MINNIE L. EIDSON, INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT; MISS IDA WEBERT, NURSE, BABY WELFARE WORK.

The work of the adult department has been different this year from other years in a great many ways. All of the women's clubs have naturally drifted into the Red Cross work, and when the men have come together at all outside the interests of the Church it has been for some line of war work.

During the Red Cross membership campaign the men of the neighborhood used our institution as headquarters. One of the rooms on the second floor was turned over to them, and the women's division used our office and desk. During the five days of the campaign scores of people came to our office that had never been here before. One of the leading politicians of the ward said he had been passing the church for twenty years and had often wondered what we did to keep busy. The priest from the Italian Catholic Church became quite friendly toward the institution. He has since been to the office to ask information of us. Nearly three thousand dollars was collected from our ward and four hundred fifty from the women's division. We feel that this was not the greatest work accomplished. We came together as friends in this great common cause and broke down prejudices that had existed for years. New families were reached and new friends made for the work.

The women of the missionary society started knitting for the soldiers, and now we have a club of sixty women, American and Italian, meeting twice a week to make hospital garments and knit. Our missionary society has a membership of nineteen. We meet every Friday afternoon. The first Friday is Bible study; second, mission study; third, the Yearbook program; and the fourth, business and social.

Miss Scott reports:

"My work this last year with the young people has been in a large measure reaping the harvest that others before me have sown. The work is largely that of leadership, opening ways of service for them

and guiding their activities. They are very loyal and earnest, and a more zealous band would be hard to find.

"The young men from the neighborhood have their gymnasium classes, and one of our own Italian young men is the director. He also works in the junior and intermediate departments and is a fine worker. All the cabinet officers of the Epworth League are our own people, and all department workers are taking part in our different programs. They hold jail and hospital meetings, distribute magazines, flowers, and fruit, collect and send books to the soldiers, support a bed in our nursery for babies, and provide the funds for all these as good measure. They also made a pledge for the Africa Special.

"We have also four of our young men acting as stewards, and one is teaching the mission study class. One of the young matrons is President of the Woman's Missionary Society, and fifteen of them are teaching in the junior department of the Sunday school. They are living up to the command, 'Freely ye have received, freely give.'

"The work in the clinic has been large this year, although we have but one a week, since the demands of the war took so many doctors out of town. We are now dealing with the second generation of babies, as many of our young Italian mothers were in the clinic as children. Our visiting nurse is paid by the Baby Welfare Association and gives all her time to our people.

"The relief work has been large and interesting. We help our people meet the needs of the family by selling clothing at a very nominal price. By cooperating with the other charities, ministering in emergencies and through our milk station providing milk for children where they cannot afford to pay for it, we are able to help."

Miss Eidson reports:

"During June and July I had my first experience in a daily vacation Bible school, and it made such a deep impression on me that I shall tell of it first. My share of the work was to plan the handwork for nine classes of boys and girls and to endeavor to see that the plans were carried out each day. This did not prove as easy as it sounds, for it was sometimes necessary to be teacher to three or four classes as well as general director for all. But as a whole our volunteer help did unusually good work, and the children were so enthusiastic over their sewing, cardboard-cutting, clay-modeling, rug-making, etc., that I found it rather hard to keep work planned ahead of them. Notwithstanding the large number of children attending the classes, a very creditable showing of handwork was the result. This was put on display the last day of the school and was much admired by the visitors and the young workmen.

"One of my groups of Camp Fire Girls acted as volunteer teachers in the school and were most faithful and helpful. There are three groups organized, one of Americans, one Jewish, and one Italian. The Jewish group adopted a little Mexican girl last spring and made clothing for her, brought her out to meetings, and interested others in her.

"The Camp Fire Girls and Boy Scouts also gave their services in collecting Thanksgiving donations from the schools of the city.

"An interesting club begun in the intermediate department in September is a boys' club known (strictly in private) as the 'Scrubs,' because most of its members are the left-overs from the other groups. The aim in this group has been to teach forgetfulness of self for the good of the whole, or team spirit. The first part of each meeting is given over to playing basket ball and other games to develop this spirit and to work off the surplus energy. After that comes a quiet period, which the teachers utilize in some form of nature study, largely facts about birds. They have bird stories and contests, and each boy is asked

to get all the information he can during the week to give to the club. It is interesting to see them bring out clippings from hidden pockets and proudly display their superior knowledge to the admiring audience. One evening during the fall they attended in a body, as guests of the Scouts, an entertainment of slides showing many birds and animals in which they were interested.

"The Scouts (Troop 9) have been active this year. They have a full troop and have taken part in several city-wide movements for morality and patriotism, as well as being always ready to serve at the church.

"A boys' choir and a girls' choir have done splendid service during the year, the girls singing in the mornings and the boys at the evening service. One member of the boys' choir was called to a higher service a few weeks ago. It was sweet to see the way in which the other members tried to show their sympathy for the bereaved mother. They attended the funeral in a body and sang his favorite hymn at the mother's request.

"I believe that this year all have felt a desire for things more worth while, and as a result we have had fewer clubs organized, but those formed have had more vitality and have shown a greater spirit of service."

Miss Mary Moore writes:

"This has been a busy year indeed. To me the work with the juniors is by far the most interesting of all deaconess work. We say 'juniors,' but with us this includes all the boys and girls under twelve years of age, even to the Cradle Roll.

"We gave a baby health play during baby week last spring and feel complimented to have had so many requests for the play, even from as far west as Sacramento, Cal. We can depend upon our juniors to do their best.

"Our Seton Indian work is rather difficult on account of expenses the boys have to meet, but the work is interesting and appeals to the boys.

"Instead of sewing school and kitchen garden, all our girls are members of either Blue Birds or Rainbow Clubs, and in these clubs we have our home-making lessons; then the girls win their honors by doing their work at home as they have learned to do it here.

"At the Grand Council Fire of Camp Fire Girls at Convention Hall in December our Blue Birds, who had won their caps and wings, marched into the circle amid the applause of the audience, and for a very short time were the center of attraction. We are doing junior Red Cross work; the girls are snipping, piecing woolen quilt blocks for relief work in our own city, and some of them are knitting sweaters. During daily vacation Bible school we made clothes for the French children.

"Miss Eidson and I had charge of our daily vacation Bible school, with five paid teachers and twenty-six volunteers. We had an enrollment of four hundred and nineteen pupils—Americans, Jews, Italians, and Syrians. Our school was well organized and equipped, for we have a splendid City Mission Board back of us. And is voted by the fourteen schools of the city League to be the best school in the city.

"Our new Junior Missionary Society is working hard with a membership of twenty-two."

St. Joseph, Mo.—Wesley House.

DEACONESS BERTA ELLISON, HEAD RESIDENT; MISS MAY COBURN,
KINDERGARTNER.

Ours is a packing-house and stockyard community of 16,000 foreigners and Americans. We have touched directly four hundred homes. This has been an unusual year with us as with others, no doubt. The coming of one new worker upon the field and the departure of two who had served four and eleven months respectively, unrest and uncertainty because of war conditions, and new lines of work demanded by the times, all together have made 1917 an unusual and somewhat difficult year. While some new features have been added, practically all the regular activities have been carried on just the same. The day nursery has served working mothers, as in former times, by furnishing a home for their children while they were away at work during the day. The kindergarten has grown in favor steadily and has had the best average attendance in its history. More than a thousand visits have been made to our supply store for second-hand clothing that was furnished at a very small price or given to mothers who needed it in many cases to keep their children in school. Social life for the young people has been brightened by entertainments and parties of various kinds, and clubs have been well attended and helpful. The sewing school furnished employment for busy little fingers on Saturday mornings. Then there was the playground in summer, when swings, sliding boards, etc., and picnics at the park were very much enjoyed. Crochet and music classes, night school, and story hour, each contributed to the helpfulness of the work in general.

Special calls came as follows: Red Cross membership campaign, registration for women, red triangle drive, and food conservation campaign. Some time was given to each of these, but not as much as we wanted to give. Perhaps the most helpful war work done was that of the Navy League Knitting Club. This was begun in the Mothers' Club, but widened in its scope till it included representative women from the entire Southside, with Wesley as headquarters for yarn. The Girls' Service Club worked for the Red Cross. Knitting, snipping, sewing, making scrapbooks for convalescent soldiers, and cutting gun wipes have kept them busy. While cutting gun wipes one girl expressed the hope that the guns of our soldiers would be kept very, very clean, so they might shoot straight and get a man every time. The deaconess in charge reminded her that we should not wish the death of any one, not even our enemies, but on the other hand try to love them. The girls could not understand how that could be done in time of war.

With all the blessings that have been ours during the year, there was one keen disappointment, because it did not seem possible to build the new Wesley House that had been planned and talked of for some time. With the building and equipment being used at present it is not possible for the work to expand as it should do. The field is "white unto the harvest," and we believe a vision of how to meet the needs has been given us. Pray that money sufficient to meet the needs may come.

Miss Coburn writes:

"I am serving my third appointment at this place. In general, the work the past year is much like that of the other two, but one thing that gives me pleasure is to note a growing appreciation on the part of the community for the kindergarten. It is easier now to get children, and the attendance is more regular, showing that the parents think it worth while to keep them here. In fact, the little ones want to come, and all mother has to do is to let them.

"At Thanksgiving time a visit was made to the Old People's Home. Preparations for this were made for some time beforehand. The children brought pennies to buy candy and made little paper baskets to put it in, and each child gave a basket to some one of the old people. Besides this gift, they had a program of songs and games. A long ride on the car was another enjoyable feature of the trip.

"Some of my time was given to the story hour, kitchen garden, crochet class, keeping office, and playground work."

St. Louis, Mo.—Kingdom House.

DEACONESS MAE O. SHELTON; HEAD RESIDENT; DEACONESS SARAH LOWDER, JUNIOR GIRLS, KINDERGARTEN, AND DAY NURSERY; DEACONESS JENNIE HARVEY, YOUNG PEOPLE, INTERMEDIATE, AND MUSIC; MISS ANNA E. PARRISH, ADULT; MISS BERNICE HUNTING, SYRIAN WORK; MISS ALMA MUELLER, KINDERGARTNER; MISS DOROTHEA REID, RESIDENT NURSE; MRS. OLIVE TOSH, MUNICIPAL NURSE; T. D. GRADINAROFF, GYMNASIUM DIRECTOR.

In a recent canvass of our district we have found over two hundred Protestant families not in regular attendance upon any church. Surely here is a large opportunity for us as workers. Church services have been well attended, and a distinct sense of the presence of the Holy Spirit has been manifest. Conviction of sin is often apparent and conversions not unusual. The prayer service is peculiarly interesting, having an average attendance of about twenty-five. Both Sunday school and League are active, the programs being full of enthusiasm and interest. Every department is in sympathy, and together we hope to accomplish things which will rejoice every heart and glorify our Father in heaven.

New possibilities, too, have been discovered along patriotic lines. We as an institution are cooperating in the work of women's registration, food conservation, Red Cross work, the selling of thrift stamps, and Armenian and Syrian relief.

Deaconess Sarah Lowder reports:

"This year our junior and intermediate girls have been organized into two clubs known as the Blue Birds and Hearth Fire Girls. All girls twelve years and under have been known as Blue Birds and obtained their costumes by making merits enough to gain three degrees, known as Sing, Grow, and Help. Seventy of these girls have been organized into classes for sewing, cooking, housekeeping, and knitting. An exhibit held in connection with the graduating exercises had on display dishes prepared by the cooking classes and articles made in the sewing school. Six girls received diplomas for cooking and five for sewing. Our pastor made an appropriate address, and certificates were presented by our Board President. The intermediate girls known as the Hearth Fire Girls have done some Red Cross work, studied war cookery, prepared a box for a Korean hospital, visited the sick, and sung several times at the city hospital.

"In the day nursery we have cared for seventy-three children, representing fifty-three homes. Through the kindness of friends clothing was supplied to children where we found this necessity. Many courtesies have been shown them. A Christmas party was given to thirty of our little folk by the students of Rubicam Business College. A Christmas dinner was served at Kingdom House to all day nursery mothers and their children, after which a program was given, and Santa Claus presented each guest with a gift.

"A great factor in reaching the homes is found in the under-age kindergarten, which has been maintained for eight months during the past year, with a daily average of twenty-nine. The children repre-

sent many nationalities and meet as one big family. Their work has been coöperative this year. Each child has helped to furnish a doll house and dress a doll, which is kept for use in the kindergarten. A May party marked the close of the spring term. The children furnished a delightful entertainment for visitors and relatives. The fall term closed with a Christmas party, attended by seventy-two guests, including Santa Claus, who gladdened the hearts of the children with candy, toys, and Christmas cheer.

"Besides my department work, I have assisted with a house-to-house canvass of our district in order to find the nonchurchgoing Protestants. I have also secured one hundred and forty-seven signers for the Hoover pledge in my district. This fall I was given the primary department in our Sunday school. In this work I have found the children responsive and faithful in attendance. The majority of their parents never attend a Church service, so we realize our great opportunity. We thank God for results achieved and pray his guidance and blessing for the future."

Deaconess Jennie Harvey reports:

"Because we have felt that wholesome social life was the great need of the young people of our community, the aim of the various classes formed, clubs organized, and activities planned has been to meet this need and to provide clean, healthful recreation in place of the cheap movie, the public dance hall, the gambling den, or cabaret. The grip of the citadels of evil is very firm on young life, making our task no light one. However, we are confident that the lure is not so much in the appeal to the lower nature as to the natural inclination to sociability and fun innate in every normal person, old or young. Rightly directed, this inclination finds expression in wholesome recreation; but left to themselves, youthful feet soon find their way to the crowds, and young hearts respond eagerly to warmth, light, and jollity wherever found. When we can secure a hold upon a life before other attractions have fastened themselves upon it, our task is comparatively easy. When, on the other hand, a girl or a boy is caught in the wheel of wickedness which seems to promise all brightness, but which really grinds away virtue slowly and secretly, when once a life is caught, then only patience, tact, and persistence can win that life to a better means of amusement.

"One very interesting feature of the work this year has been a series of visits to neighboring factories. Where the management is willing, an occasional program is given for the employees during their noon hour. A number of young women have been secured in this way for evening clubs and classes, while others spend their lunch hour in our clubroom, which is fitted out with small tables, where they may eat their lunches in comfort and be served with hot drinks at one cent a cup. They usually spend the remainder of their leisure period gathered about the piano singing popular songs.

"A most helpful exercise after a day in the factory is found in basket ball and folk game classes, which are held two evenings a week in the gymnasium of one of the public schools with the coöperation of the Park Board. Much pleasure and benefit are obtained by these evenings in the gymnasium.

"Practicing for plays seems to afford a good deal of enjoyment to young people of all classes, and our young folks are no exception. Getting together for things of this sort has proved a unifying force as well as being a means of raising money to be used for outings or small improvements about the building which make our people feel that they have a part in the work.

"A certain group of young men who are members of a street gang

refuse to be organized into any sort of class; yet as they seem to enjoy coming to Kingdom House, they are allowed two evenings a week for a social time and games. On one occasion a young man was seated at the piano playing popular songs, the boys grouped about him singing. Suddenly the director in charge was surprised on hearing them break into 'When the roll is called up yonder,' followed by several other familiar hymns.

"Three lines of activity are comprised in the Music Department: Piano and violin instruction, a brass band, and chorus work. An average of fifteen lessons is given each week. The band is proving very useful in providing an occasional evening's program. The chorus work consists of senior and junior choirs, which furnish music for Church services and on other occasions."

Mr. Gradinaroff reports:

"While the girls acquire knowledge and pleasure in various ways furnished them, not a little can be said of the boys' division. On Tuesday and Friday evenings of each week the gymnasium is open to them, thus providing a variety of apparatus, which is both health-giving and satisfying to the modern boy's love of sport, especially appreciated after a hard day's work. Basket ball is one of the diversions enjoyed, and in the games that ensue there is a friendly spirit of rivalry among the teams as each strives for victory and the prize which is given at the end of the season.

"Thursday evening is Boy Scout night at Kingdom House. Who knows but that here some future leaders of the United States army are receiving the rudiments of their training? Troop 78 (for such they have been listed) was only recently organized; but much has been accomplished, and the boys are now justly proud possessors of a troop flag of their own.

"But the greatest encouragement to us is derived from the letters of our older boys who are now 'doing their bit over there' and in the national training camps. They too are helping to 'make the world safe for democracy.'"

Miss Parrish reports:

"The women's department includes two mothers' clubs, one of which convenes in the residence of a family living several blocks from Kingdom House. Through this plan numerous women are reached with whom it might not have been possible to have come in contact had this circle been held at our settlement center. Our two clubs average six meetings monthly. In at least two of these gatherings there are presented leading topics fundamental to constructive work in home life and family welfare. These addresses are given by representative speakers. The clubs also subscribe their 'bit' to the Church budget, clinic, and outside causes. Bible lessons are given biweekly, and in addition an hour's Bible study and prayer service is frequently held in some home of the vicinity.

"Perhaps another feature worthy of mention is the clothing sale held each week. Here garments are sold for a few cents, thus saving the purchaser from the aspect of a charity recipient."

Miss Hunting reports the Syrian work:

"The most pleasing development during the year 1917 has been that in the religious department. The Sunday school has grown in attendance, regularity, good behavior, and in the knowledge of Scripture. The service for adults in the Arabic language has been maintained with growing interest, especially since September 1. In July four members of the community united with the Church, and in December one young man was welcomed into the Epworth League.

"The boys' and girls' clubs have given us a hold on the lives of a

number of children, several of whom are not in Sunday school. Men's classes for the study of English and women's classes for sewing have been carried on for a portion of the time.

"The clinics and kindergarten have served those of the Syrians who have been willing to take advantage of them, and through our calling we have discovered many other ways to serve this people."

Miss Reid, resident nurse, reports:

"With a splendidly equipped clinic, we are well prepared to meet the needs of the community. On Tuesday and Friday mornings are held municipal feeding conferences. An interesting outgrowth of these conferences is a school for mothers conducted at a clinic hour by our resident nurse, instruction being given for the preparation of infants' foods.

"On Wednesday afternoon and Saturday morning are the clinics for children from three to sixteen years of age. Aside from the treatment of actual diseased conditions, much good work is accomplished along preventive lines. The resident nurse, both in emergency cases and in her visits in homes, endeavors to coöperate with the public schools and Board of Health. Eighty-four emergency cases were reported in a single month.

"Nor are the women neglected, as there are clinic hours for them every Thursday afternoon under able medical supervision. Another feature is a pure-milk station, open daily from 8 to 9 A.M.

"Three social events were given for our clinic patients during the year."

IMMIGRANT PORT WORK.

Galveston, Tex.—Immigrant Work.

REV. J. E. REIFSCHNEIDER, PORT MISSIONARY.

The year 1917 has been full of varied experiences. We have been confronted with many problems since the outbreak of war in 1914. Our principal work after European immigration ceased and to this date has been looking after the foreigners in our midst. Many new activities have been added to our work, but figures cannot tell the story of the work done the past year. The activities are as follows: Visitors called at office, 298; calls made at office by appointment, 120; phone calls, information, etc., 180; calls for work, 114; work found, 54; calls for girls and women, 38; visits and calls to the Department of Justice, 108; calls in regard to naturalization, 26; calls by alien enemies (none citizens), information, etc., 37; visits to United States marshal's office, 11; visits to the police station, 10; visits to the county jail, 12; investigations, 24; visits to United Charities, 35; looked after and assisted charity cases, 17; visits to hospital, 5; visits to sick families, 10; baptized, 2; buried, 3.

This year has been a good year and one full of opportunities. Co-operation with the United States immigration service, the Federal Employment Bureau, and the Department of Justice, also close touch with the Associated Charities, Y. W. C. A., and the Travelers' Aid, made this possible. The three last-named organizations are doing a much-needed work here in our port.

God has been good to us through the year and helped us over all the hard places, and we hope to trust him more in the new year.

Gulfport, Miss.—Seaman's Rest.

REV. W. T. GRIFFIN, SUPERINTENDENT.

(Established 1909.)

To the sorrow of thousands of people, this Bethel has been closed. To those who were in position to know conditions this second year the year 1917 has been unsatisfactory and uncertain. In planning for it there was the hope that the war might close or that conditions would change. The changes came, but not for the better. Boats have come less and less, and only at times now are there any boats in the harbor. At this writing (January 18) there are a few sailing vessels with Scandinavian crews—so few even of these that their mission is almost unnecessary.

The Bethel has been open to the few sailors, but no services held; only personal work done, reading rooms kept open, a few free beds furnished, ships visited, and books and periodicals and tracts distributed.

The superintendent has been kept busy with mission work along the coast. Two congregations were organized and one splendid church building secured, with a membership of thirty-five. This, with the Wesley House work, gave plenty to do in a difficult field where Romanism has held sway for almost a century.

The Sailor's Rest has had a good career, and its influence has been felt over many seas, as many letters testify, and the purpose is to re-establish it when the need of it becomes manifest.

WORK AMONG MINERS.**Coal Fields, McAlester District, Hartshorne, Okla.**

DEACONESS FRANK MILLER.

When I came to Hartshorne, the middle of July, I found that Miss Harris had everything nicely started, a good garden, a large brood of chickens, and some beautiful flowers. The flowers attracted more attention than any other one thing could have done. I tried to take up the work where she left off. The Boys' Club, consisting of ten or twelve boys—Italians, Lithuanians, Mexicans, Russians, Poles, and Americans—met each Friday evening. This club has grown until we have nineteen members, although many of the old members are gone. These boys talk about what "we have at the Wesley House" as if they owned it. We try to make them feel that they do own it in a way. Most of these boys attend our Sunday school, but a few are loyal Catholics.

Our greatest trouble in the sewing school is to get volunteer workers. The two who have been most faithful are young girls who have been members of the school. However, the children seem interested and are doing good work. In our Sunday school we have enrolled sixty-four, including our Cradle Roll. Three little Russians have made a record of six months' perfect attendance.

In November a little Mexican baby, the first on our Cradle Roll, died here at the Wesley House. Because of our kindness to the parents and their Mexican friends who came to them at that time, the Mexicans all seem to have a great deal of confidence in and respect for us. The parents of the baby had just joined our Church by letter from a Methodist mission in Texas, and the little one had been christened about two weeks before.

Two other Mexican families have been coming regularly to the

Wesley House. They come early Sunday afternoon to sing Spanish hymns. They always stay for Sunday school. I have this class of two men and two women. Only one man speaks English. He interprets for us. I also have a class of boys between the ages of twelve and fourteen at the Sunday school in town. I have just organized these boys into the Knights of Ezelah.

Our night school is small, only two Mexican men studying English. I teach English to one Italian woman, but I go to her home.

We had a tree for the children on Christmas night. Our clubroom was full to overflowing, as quite a number of the parents came with the children. All seemed to enjoy the evening. Some of the little folks had never seen a Christmas tree. One donation toward our treat was one hundred and sixteen pennies given by a class of children in Muskogee.

I am a member of the missionary society in both Haleyville and Hartshorne and lead the Bible study in both.

Jessie Bloodworth, kindergartner and Mexican worker, reports:

"I have enrolled thirty children in the kindergarten since I began work in July. The attendance has been small and irregular, due to the distance at which many of the children live. Those living near the Wesley House have been very faithful in attendance. I am teaching a little eight-year-old Italian boy who is too badly crippled to attend school. He and his parents are very appreciative. I have also helped one Mexican woman to read and write Spanish, and now I am teaching another Mexican woman English. She had never spoken a word in English before. It is extremely interesting to help this little woman pronounce the English words, for she is so eager and childlike in her endeavors to learn.

"The Mexicans come early before Sunday school to sing. I have enjoyed singing the Spanish hymns with them. We have the 'Evangelical Hymnal' in the Spanish. Their favorite hymns are 'The Great Physician' and 'What a Friend we have in Jesus!'

"We have a kind of circulating Spanish library. I take a Spanish magazine, the *Pan-American Union*, which they eagerly read. They have also read all the Spanish books I have, and they have brought me many to read. One man has written to a friend in San Antonio for some 'good' Spanish books. I loaned a Spanish Bible to one Mexican who does not speak English. He reads it every spare minute and guards it for fear some one else will get it before he finishes. It is the first Bible he has ever seen. He says that when he was a boy he heard his grandfather say that some one had told him what a wonderful book the Bible was, but he had not been able to find one. It is no wonder that this man considers that he has found a long-lost or rather 'forbidden' treasure.

"I am guardian of the Camp Fire Girls, and I have also just organized the Girls' Worth-While Club. They are all loyal Catholics and consist mostly of Polish and Lithuanian girls. These nationalities have been the hardest of all to reach, but they are delighted with the club.

"I have a Sunday school class at the church consisting of seventeen girls and a class of eight girls at the Wesley House."

Coal Fields, Marston Hall, Thurber, Tex.

DEACONESS LILIAN PARKER, HEAD RESIDENT; MISS FOREST ROLAND,
KINDERGARTNER.

Thurber is not like any other town of its size. It has a population of 6,500 Americans, Italians, Mexicans, and Polish people. Two-thirds

are foreign. The chief industry is coal-mining, but there is a large brick plant that employs a large force of men. No one owns any real estate, for the company owns everything. There are few nice-looking houses, though many people have made them attractive on the inside. We have running water, electric lights, and natural gas, but no telephones. Can you imagine doing without telephones?

As the people do not own their houses, they never feel settled. Some of them have lived here since the mines were opened and see no way of leaving, yet they think they will go sometime where they can own their homes. There seems to be such a low ideal of life. The majority of the people think nothing of spending Sunday in work or play. They drink, and the chief amusement is dancing. This is as true of the Americans as of the foreigners. There are some very strong, splendid characters to be admired, the more because of their environment.

The picture show is next door but one to Marston Hall. This does not interfere with our work any more than if it were across town. During the summer months we made it an opportunity to get acquainted with the people as they passed on their way to the show.

The work of the Red Cross has brought about a wonderful opportunity for bringing the women of all classes together. The men have taken an interest and have been quite a help. I have not only organized a branch of the Red Cross here, but have assisted in the organization of the county chapter. The women have worked hard and faithfully. Women who have been spending their days playing cards are now giving their time to the Red Cross. We have a well-equipped work-room in Marston Hall; the women are working every day and in perfect harmony and unison. I have given much of my time to this work, but it has been very worth while.

The night school has not been large, but some excellent work has been done. One of the subjects taught is the Sunday school lesson.

The kindergarten affords a wonderful opportunity not only with the children, but with their families. Miss Roland, the kindergartner, has made the most of her opportunity to teach the children the things of God and his wonderful love. The little ones love best the songs that impart the Spirit of God. One tiny Italian said: "One night when it was dark I sang 'Jesus loves me.'" Another sings her favorite, "Can a little child like me thank the Father fittingly?" to the boarders in her home for money.

We organized several industrial classes, in which much interest is shown. In these classes we stress the character-building side of the work. American and foreign children attend the same classes. We have a club for boys, but have not given it the attention that we have the girls' classes. The little girls enjoy the kitchen garden and insist on calling it the "Housekeeping." The sewing school and cooking class are the favorites.

We each have a class in the American Sunday school and coöperate with all the Church activities. The Sunday school for foreign children is showing the efforts that have been put on it for the past seven years. We have an enrollment of one hundred; since the 1st of September we have had an average attendance of fifty-five children under sixteen years of age. We have four very faithful, efficient volunteer teachers. Every Sunday I am filled with fresh enthusiasm as I look over the school and see the eager faces full of interest as they listen so attentively to their teachers. The teacher of our boys' class must have a peculiarly magic charm, for she is able to interest a class of boys whose ages range from eight to fourteen. Sometimes during the warm weather we are able to get a crowd of boys together on the outside

who won't go inside the house. In this way some have been drawn on the inside.

We do not pray for opportunities to serve, but for strength and power from God, that we may use the opportunities that seem to crowd us.

Miss Forest Roland, kindergartner, reports:

"I began work here among the Mexicans and Italians the 1st of September. The first week of kindergarten twenty children were enrolled, but by the end of the year the number had increased to fifty-nine. In the beginning only three could understand and speak a few words of English; consequently they would group together in their play according to their nationality and speak the language they had always been accustomed to in their homes. It is not unusual now to hear most of them conversing in what they call the 'American' language.

"These children are very appreciative. A few days before Christmas I told them that they could all play that they were little Santa Clauses by giving something to some one on Christmas Day. Every one seemed delighted and carried a note home saying: 'Please send a little money to help buy something for Christmas.' The next morning they returned with happy faces, bringing their bits of money. Enough material was bought for each child to make a bright-colored calendar for his mother and for making Santa Claus jumping jacks. These were finished and put away for Christmas. The remainder was spent for candy, nuts, and fruit.

"By and by the time came for the Christmas tree and party. They first sang songs of the Christ-child and played games. A number of mothers were present to receive the gifts made by the tiny fingers of their little ones. After the children had the pleasure of distributing these, they accepted their own hand-made toys as if they had been factory-made and just brought by a real Santa. Each also received a bag of nuts, candy, and fruits. Fifty-five children went away with their hearts happy after they had not only received but had given Christmas cheer."

Coal Fields, Welch, W. Va.

DEACONESS MATTIE CUNNINGHAM.

(Established 1914.)

Americans, Hungarians, Italians, Syrians, Slavs, Poles, and Jews furnish my field of service. Our work in these West Virginia mountains opened the new year 1917 with a long tramp over a long, winding trail, across creeks, tramways, and mountains, till we reached some houses two miles from any railroad. Here we found a mother very ill of pneumonia and three of her five children in bed with measles. It was our privilege to care for these people until the whole family recovered. Our frequent visits to that home brought us in touch with other families where friendly visits in time of distress have given opportunity for service. These new friends came several times during the year to Welch for advice and comfort from the workers.

In the early spring a mother of four children had to go to the hospital. The husband made every effort, but failed to find any one to care for the children. I went every day for three weeks and looked after them. Appreciation of this service has been shown in many ways. Before the mother was able to do her own family justice after her hospital experience, she, knowing the dying condition of an Italian baby left to the mercy of the father and a sister eleven years old, insisted upon having the baby Angelo brought to her. We tried in vain to find some one else to care for it, but finally took it to the good woman. She did everything possible for it, but it died the third day.

Immediately after the baby's death the remaining four children

were taken to the Greenville Orphanage. The little girl writes: "I can write American letters now that I learn in school. This is a good place to be. We want papa to come to see us, but tell him we want to stay in this place."

Upon my return from my vacation in the summer I found a very sick five-year-old girl in one of my camps. One eyeball burst, and to save the other it was necessary to have this one removed. The operation was performed at the Welch hospital without charge, and our little girl is getting rosy and fat. The mother is a tubercular case, and she lost her little baby while the little girl was recovering. Just after this the father, who had been away, we know not where, for months, came home and moved the family away. Recently they have been back on a visit, and I saw my little girl. After I had spent half an hour with them and said, "I must go," she looked up at me with her one eye and sweet smile and said: "But ye ain't goin' till ye clean me up, is ye?" She had evidently remembered her baths when she was sick and told me: "Them pretty white gowns ye give me got all black and tored." Thus my work has been that of visiting and serving the sick and suffering.

Late in the summer we were favored with a visit from Miss Bennett and Mrs. MacDonell, who, after going over the field, recommended that the workers be located in separate towns and that work be carried on through Community Houses at different camps. I remained at Welch to work at Superior, Maitland, and Hemphill.

Rooms at Maitland and Superior have been granted by the coal operators, and the outlook is encouraging. Women at both points have seemed willing to do Red Cross work. Two meetings have been held at Maitland and a good beginning made.

The Maitland Junior Boys have organized with the motto, "The boy who will is the fellow who can," and the girls were pleased with the ideas given them for making little Christmas gifts. They chose the name Busy Workers and the motto "Help somebody every day." The Girls' Missionary Society at Welch gave \$5 for games for the Community House.

The sewing school at the Maitland-Superior School is held on Friday afternoon. The principal takes the boys, and the other three teachers and I have the girls in sewing. Often in these two camps I hear: "I haven't been to school for several days, but I'm going sure Friday. I won't miss sewing." The children pay the cost of the material, and when they have finished an article it is theirs. Quite a number had a towel, iron holder, handkerchief bag, or wash cloth for their mothers for Christmas presents.

We had a community Christmas tree at Superior on Christmas Eve. The colored children were provided with gifts for a tree of their own, and we had the one for the white at our Sunday school building (thirty-one colored and one hundred and ninety-five white). The Sunday school furnished the program, and everything went off nicely. We had a crowded house, but the order was expressive of the appreciation of the occasion. We have heard only expressions of satisfaction and pleasure concerning the affair.

With such a close for the year 1917 we face the new year with hope.

Coal Fields, Kimball, W. Va.

DEACONESS LAURA HARRIS.

I reached my new appointment the last day of August to find that, instead of working with Miss Cunningham, as I had expected, it had been decided, as a result of a visit to the field by Miss Bennett and

Mrs. MacDonell, that the better plan would be for Miss Cunningham to continue her work in the towns she had been able to reach and for me to enter new territory. I remained in Welch more than seven weeks before I succeeded in getting board and lodging in a suitable location from which I could best reach the towns I was supposed to work in. On the 23d of October I moved to Kimball, where I am both comfortably and pleasantly situated. The continuous severe winter weather, with the amount of snow and ice accompanying it, has very much interfered with my work.

On the 16th of November a sewing class was organized at Vivian, about one mile from Kimball, in connection with the public school. Our class is held the first hour of school on every Friday afternoon. The principal furnishes manual training or some other kind of work for the boys, and the primary teacher interests those of her department, and the other teachers assist me. I also have the promise of four other volunteer teachers after Christmas. At the organization seventy-eight children were enrolled, and the elimination of the primary department was absolutely necessary to relieve the congested condition. The children are very much interested in their work, and some of them are making rapid progress, although we have missed several sessions on account of the weather and two for the Christmas vacation.

At Kimball a Young People's Missionary Society was organized on the 17th of November, which gives promise of doing good work. They have taken up a mission study book and have made a pledge of \$25 to be applied on a scholarship in Japan. They are going to try to pay \$50, and I believe they will do it. This is very creditable for them, considering the small membership they have—only seven. The President and Secretary have each subscribed for the *Voice*.

On the 6th of December a Ladies' Aid was transformed into a Woman's Missionary Society with fifteen charter members. Six names have since been added to the roll. They also have been studying a mission study book, "Sons of Italy." Five members have subscribed for the *Voice*. The women are taking hold of this work with an enthusiasm that is very inspiring.

On my first Sunday here I was given the Bible class in Sunday school, which we soon afterwards organized into a Wesley Bible Class. We have twenty on roll. This is a mixed class. Most of them are married men and women. A wonderful opportunity for teaching the Bible rests with us.

Lead Belt, Flat River, Mo.

DEACONESSES LAURA PROCTOR AND MATTIE WIKE.

Our work among the foreigners in the Lead Belt opened up auspiciously in 1917. Thirteen nationalities were represented among the people with whom we worked. Clubs, classes, and friendly visiting were the phases of work enterprised. Some of the men were studying English and civics, quite a number of the women were taking sewing and drafting, also English, while the boys and girls were enrolled in clubs and classes. Plans were almost completed for the removal of headquarters from the city of Flat River to one of the near-by villages where several other villages would have access to the Wesley House. On May 30, while we were at supper, a cyclone swooped down and almost demolished the Wesley House. We were frightened, but unhurt. Just six weeks later strange men came into the Lead Belt and incited the American employees of the mills and mines to riot. The foreigners were stoned and thrown from the mills, and their wives and children driven from their homes to the brush, where some of them spent the night. Next day the

men, hatless and coatless, were driven at the point of guns down the streets, through the drenching rain, and loaded into cars. When there were no passenger cars available, box cars were filled with these foreign people and shipped to St. Louis, Mo. On account of these dreadful events it became necessary for the work at Flat River to close. Seven years' labor for the Lead Belt Mission Board was thus swept away in a few days' time.

NEGRO WORK.

Paine College Annex.

The work at Paine Annex has undergone changes in 1917, but we are assured that "a new day has been ushered in at this post. During the year eighty-two girls were cared for in the boarding department, while sixty-two were town girls known as day students. Four teachers have been doing the work of the Annex, two of whom are jointly supported by the college proper and by the Woman's Missionary Council. Five thousand one hundred and forty-seven dollars was expended in salaries, incidentals, and repairs.

Augusta, Ga.—Bethlehem House.

MISS MYRTLE ALEXANDER, MISSIONARY; MISS ETHEL DICKERSON, KINDERGARTNER.

During the past year much has been accomplished in many respects, many friendships have been made, many homes visited, and the parents of many children have been met. It was very gratifying, when I returned from my vacation in September, to learn that parents and children had been looking forward to the time when I should return, and some had been to the settlement two weeks before my return on their respective club days to see if there was to be a meeting.

There is an opportunity to come in contact with a great many public school children by going to them each week to tell stories. Some of the schools are too far away for those children ever to come to the settlement, and thus we must take its sunshine to them.

I am especially glad when Monday comes, for then I meet my most interesting club, which is the Camp Fire Club. On Halloween night they gave a party and thereby earned a little money to help with getting their outfit. Each one has earned some money to help with her expenses, and some have earned all necessary money. We are putting forth an effort to make the club entirely self-supporting.

The sewing classes are working away, and the little dressmakers are happy that they are making something for their own use.

The boys' leader says: "When I took charge of the work among the boys, I found only eighteen in attendance, but with the help of the boys I have increased that attendance to forty. I meet them three times a week, and the meetings are held at night, for the boys work in the day. These meetings are passed just as socially as we are able to pass them. I have gotten them to the place where they as a whole appreciate the reading of good books and the telling of good stories. They have joined themselves together to deal severely with any boy who uses profane language. They are fond of such games as checkers, indoor baseball, football, jumping the shod, relay, and marching. They have organized among themselves a singing group without a suggestion on my part. So I think the fellows are doing better now and believe they will continue, for they are in love with their Bethlehem House."

Miss Dickerson says that the kindergarten has been a real joy not only to the children enrolled, but to the parents as well. The total enrollment since September is forty-one; and now since the public schools have closed, there are from ten to twelve grade children who attend daily. Having no volunteer assistants, our helpers being busy during the morning hours, we cannot do justice to more than twenty-five or thirty children each day. Some of these children are having their second year. This second year of continued attendance helps to develop the little fellows. Most of these children are bright and responsive and look forward to the time for kindergarten with eagerness, and regret when it is time to go home. Most of my time is given to friendly visits, which I consider most necessary, as it is only by knowing these people in their homes that we can know them and enter into their lives and be able to understand the children and to sympathize with them in their hardships.

Nashville, Tenn.—Bethlehem House.

MISS ESTELLE HASKIN, SUPERVISOR; MISS EMMA K. OLMSTEAD, GIRLS' CLUB DIRECTOR AND FRIENDLY VISITOR.

The Bethlehem House in Nashville, Tenn., is more and more becoming a center for the negro people of the entire city. In this respect it differs from the settlement house in its accepted terms, which usually serves only the community in which it is located. The house this year, as in former years, has served as a meeting place for organizations and committees which are not directly connected with its work. In addition to this, it now serves as headquarters for other organizations and is extending its own organized work to other parts of the city.

RED CROSS WORK.

One room in the Bethlehem House is set apart as Red Cross headquarters for the colored women of the city. From this point all work is distributed, and here it is also returned before being sent to the general headquarters. During the Red Cross campaign the entire efforts of the institution were centered in this direction, the head worker giving ten entire days in helping the colored women to organize and carry on their campaign.

WELFARE LEAGUE.

The Welfare League, which is an organization of white and colored people for the betterment of the negroes of Nashville, conducts an employment bureau in the Bethlehem House. From this same office the Welfare League also conducts a Coal Club, and in both of these enterprises the Bethlehem House has had the closest coöperation, thus helping to extend its influence throughout the entire city.

CITY PLAYGROUND.

During the summer the city used the Bethlehem House yard as a play center, employing a Fisk University student, who made her home at the settlement as playground director. Two hundred and fifty children were enrolled during the summer and were thus in constant touch with the house.

SOUTH NASHVILLE EXTENSION.

In South Nashville there is a densely populated negro section, in the center of which is located Walden University. For a number of years calls have come to us asking for an extension work in that part of

the city. This fall the President of the university gave us the use of a building, with fuel and janitor service furnished, also the volunteer service of a number of his students. This open door of opportunity we felt must be entered, and we are now conducting in that part of the city a flourishing sewing school and a story hour, which often has an attendance of one hundred eager, story-hungry children. This work with the children is made possible with our limited force of workers only because of the lively interest and coöperation of the mothers of the children. They have organized themselves into a Mothers' Community Club, raising the money for the sewing school and acting as a vigilance committee to look after absentees. They are also undertaking a campaign for child welfare education and holding occasional meetings to interest the boys. These women are alive to every need of their community and are willing and capable.

FACTORY EXTENSION WORK.

Within the limits of the districts in which the Bethlehem House is located is a hosiery mill, in which forty colored women are employed. In connection with the city Y. W. C. A. extension worker, we conduct on each Friday a special noonday service for these women. This work is now being carried on by a special committee of colored women who secure speakers and themselves attend the meeting.

FORWARD QUEST GIRLS' CLUB.

The Girls' Club of the Bethlehem House was this fall united with the Forward Quest Girls' Club, which had been holding its meetings at the negro public library. An advisory committee of some of the leading colored women of the city was organized and a special campaign launched for the enlargement of the work for girls. The result of the membership campaign was eighty-four new names, and the result of the financial campaign was the securing of nearly two hundred dollars for use in this special work. The club has been divided into three circles, with three advisers and one general adviser. The circles have separate meetings, but each month there are two joint meetings, when all the girls come together. The committee is working hard to conserve the efforts of the fall campaign. The membership of the Forward Quest Club comes from every locality of the city, and one circle has its meeting in the South Nashville extension building.

THE UNION STORY HOUR.

The Bethlehem House and the Negro Public Library are coöperating in the conduct of a union story hour for children. Three different sessions are conducted each week as follows: South Nashville story hour held at the Bethlehem House Extension every Friday afternoon, a general story hour at the library every Saturday afternoon, and a Bible story hour also at the public library on Sunday afternoon. At this union story hour an average of two hundred children hear stories each week.

PUBLIC MEETINGS.

There is no adequate room in the Bethlehem House for large public meetings, so the use of the Negro Public Library auditorium and the Walden University chapel has been secured for a number of occasions. Noted speakers have been secured who have spoken always to a room full of eager women and girls on some subject concerning their welfare. Women have come to these meetings from all parts of the city and from all classes of the negro people.

INFLUENCE AND COÖPERATION.

Thus it is seen that the influence of the organized work of the Bethlehem House is extending over the entire city of Nashville, and a coöperative work is carried on with the following institutions and organizations: Fisk University, Walden University, the Public Welfare League, the Negro Public Library, the City Playground Commission, local Red Cross organization, and the Young Women's Christian Association.

SPRING EXHIBIT.

Much interest was created throughout the city on the occasion of our spring exhibit, which was held the first week in June at the close of our regular organized work of the year.

The Primary Sewing School made a very attractive showing in its miniature dry goods store and in the display of something like forty dolls which these children had designed and dressed, many of the dolls being rich in quite an extensive wardrobe.

The Intermediate and Advanced Sewing Schools also had creditable exhibits of garments ranging from small work aprons to dresses for themselves.

The exhibit of work done by the little housekeepers' class was in the form of a well-arranged bedroom and a properly set table, while the cooking classes displayed food which they themselves had cooked in the domestic science room.

The kindergarten children had on display a very attractive miniature house properly furnished throughout, also a sand table in which was placed the up-to-date equipment of a playground. These children also entertained the visitors on the morning of one day and the afternoon of another.

The Mothers' Community Club and the Ever-Ready Girls' Club had been asked to exhibit articles in sewing, fancywork, and cookery. They responded so well that the large room upstairs was filled with attractive articles made by the girls and women themselves. A committee of judges had been appointed, who gave blue ribbons for the best articles and red ones for the second best.

One especially interesting feature of the exhibit was the entrance by the mothers of a number of compositions on the benefits of the Bethlehem House to the community.

About two hundred and fifty people saw the exhibit, and many expressions of surprise and satisfaction were heard from the best people as to the efficiency and the high tone of the work at the Bethlehem House.

On the last afternoon the Primary Sewing School was given a doll party, at which time certificates of promotion were awarded, and each child who had done satisfactory work in dressing her doll was allowed to carry it home.

THE WORKERS.

This larger work has been possible because of the faithful and efficient service of our regularly employed workers and because of the volunteer work of twenty-five of the colored women who have served on the various committees. Miss Olmstead has continued her valuable work as friendly visitor, going in and out among the people, ministering to their needs, both physical and spiritual. She has also had supervision of the work of the children in the home economic classes and has represented the Bethlehem House in the work of the union story hour.

Miss Lillian Harrison, a graduate of Atlanta University, has served

as our kindergarten teacher. Too much cannot be said of her earnestness and faithfulness and her efficient manner in making her life a real vital part of the child's life of the community. The employment of a colored kindergarten teacher has greatly enhanced the interest of the people in the work of the institution.

Miss Fairfax Butler, a student at Fisk University, has been a resident in the house this year, giving service in return for the use of our fellowship. Her influence and work have been in every way helpful and uplifting.

The housemother, Mrs. Sallie Hill Sawyer, continues to add to the high tone and spirit of the house as she mothers not only her own household, but also the numbers who come to our door for help and comfort. Aside from her housekeeping work, she has received during the past year 5,519 calls.

WAR WORK.

Because of the great fight for liberty in which our country is engaged, we have tried in every way possible to line up our work with the special needs of our time and to redouble our efforts in every direction. In addition to conducting our clubs and classes with reference to these special demands, the workers have given their services in the work of registration and in the food conservation campaign, having secured the signatures of one hundred and seventy-three persons for the food card. War cookery demonstrations have been given and talks on all the vital subjects of the times.

It is with a spirit of great gratitude for the opportunity of service to a people so lovable and so worth while that we close our work of 1917, looking forward into the new year with an exultant hope for even larger and more efficient service.

DEPENDENT GIRLS.

Thomasville, Ga.—Vashti Industrial School.

E. F. BISHOP, PRINCIPAL.

(Established 1903.)

The large number of applicants indicates that Vashti would probably be the largest institution in the South were it able to accommodate all dependent girls for whom applications are made.

BUILDINGS.

The houses at Vashti were new as factory buildings twenty-five years ago. They were remodeled eleven years ago for school purposes, but are again in need of repair. Considerable patching has been done within the past year, but more is needed. The plumbing arrangements, inadequate to begin with and now in bad condition from wear, should be reconstructed before warm weather.

New buildings and equipment in large quantities are badly needed, but are hardly worth the war prices that now prevail, hence I would recommend only such repairs as may be imperative.

RUNNING EXPENSES.

Our running expenses the past year have been increased, but the increased appropriation of your Council, together with certain economies practiced, has enabled us to show a clean financial sheet again this year.

The appropriation, however, for a school that furnishes board, books, clothing, medical attention, etc., and services for twelve months in the year should be much larger than for one whose pupils pay board, tuition, furnish their own clothing, books, and medical and incidental expenses. The appropriation of about nine dollars a month per pupil, together with what we have been able to add, about that much more, should be sufficient for next year's work.

HEALTH.

Our general health, while not absolutely perfect, has continued remarkably good. For eleven years we have been handling over a hundred different girls per year, but no deaths have occurred and very little serious illness, in spite of the fact that girls come to us from all manner of environments.

SCHOOL WORK.

We usually have in attendance about ninety girls, divided into six grades, with three literary teachers, three industrial teachers, a kitchen matron, a stenographer, a janitor, and a superintendent.

The grades begin with the third and end with the eighth, each literary teacher and each industrial teacher having two grades each day, each pupil having half the day for literary and half for industrial exercises.

For example, while Miss A., literary teacher, has the third grade in literary work, Miss B. will have the fourth grade in sample-sewing, and *vice versa*. Domestic science, domestic art, Bible study, and sometimes stenography are given, and music is carried through vacation only, as we have no schedule time for it during regular sessions on account of the combination of literary and industrial work.

OUR SCHOOL WORK COMPARATIVELY.

We are not coördinated with other institutions, nor do we prepare our girls especially for higher schools, yet we encourage girls to continue in school if possible.

Within the past two years two of our "old" girls have graduated from regular college, one from a special course, one from normal school, and several from nurse-training courses.

Of our last year's graduating class of thirteen girls, eight have continued in school, two of them in London, Ky., one in State Normal School, one in a business college, and four in public high schools. Of these eight girls, one failed on account of ill health, the other seven have made enviable records for scholarship, all seven being either leaders or near leaders in their respective classes.

One of our brightest girls, graduating from our eighth grade, entered the tenth grade in city schools of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Another Vashti girl was the only pupil in a class of thirty-five exempt, on account of high-class and monthly records, from all examinations in Thomasville High School, her studies being French, chemistry, geometry, English, etc.

GENERAL OUTLOOK.

The social value of Vashti work appeals to me, after eleven years' acquaintance, as strongly as ever. It consists in taking a human social by-product that is usually debased by neglect and making out of it material for good citizenship.

As an experiment Vashti has been generally successful, and the Vashti idea ought to grow until it becomes universal, for protection and training during childhood should be the birthright of every child, and the policy of giving this protection and training should be ad-

hered to by Church and State for their own protection, if for no higher motive.

Two State systems to this end, however, are now developing, but are yet on a very small plan. In two States institutions have been provided for dependent children by the States themselves, very much as provisions are made for the insane.

The weak point in this arrangement is in respect to the religious training of children, which a State is hardly prepared to give. In a few other States the laws specify a fee that may be appropriated from tax funds for the education of dependent children, leaving the actual execution of the law to the Juvenile Court and leaving the training to institutions or organizations that may qualify to do such work.

In one State, for example, three dollars per week is allowed for board and clothing for a child and seven cents per day in addition, if pupil is in a primary grade, fourteen cents if it be in grammar school, and twenty-one cents if it be in high school. The trouble now is that we have a dearth of institutions in the South for that service.

THE TEACHERS.

Vashti has been generally fortunate in the selection of its helpers, and the present year has been no exception. The daily work of properly caring for a hundred growing girls is a matter of no little labor and anxiety, especially in an institution of this kind, where girls and teachers come in contact, not five days each week, but every day and at all hours. However, our instructors have borne the test remarkably well, and all deserve commendation.

RELIGION.

We begin devotions with grace at breakfast, continue them in the chapel following, and finally end the day with evening prayers in the various family rooms.

General prayer meeting is held in the chapel on Thursday evening, and on Friday night the lady teachers have a faculty prayer meeting. Sunday school comes each Sabbath morning, and Y. W. C. A. in the evening.

Add to these daily Bible studies Church and Sunday school services on Sunday morning, and you have our regular religious program. About twice a year we have special revival services, which usually put all girls at rights, for a time at least, and some for good.

Kansas City, Mo.—Thomas M. Spofford Receiving Home.

DEACONESS DAISY RITTER.

During the past year we have cared for two hundred and seventy-four children. More than half of these were wards of the court. The other children were either charity cases or boarding children. Last spring we decided not to take any more little babies. We take boys from two to nine years old and girls from two to eleven years. Fifty is our average monthly attendance.

About thirty-five children are of school age, and they attend the public school. Last summer they were in Daily Vacation School for six weeks. During vacation friends came in their automobiles and took the children on outings nearly every Saturday afternoon. The older girls went swimming about twice a week while the weather was hot. We had a lovely Christmas. The children were all well, and friends were so good to us. This year we kept most of our children at home for Christmas and just had a good time together.

Four girls take music lessons. The girls have a Rainbow Club. The children have their own Junior Missionary Society, which meets the first and the third Saturday of each month. The other Saturdays they have a story hour. We are using a series of Victory stories, and each child has a red shield and is given a gold star for each victory won.

DELINQUENT GIRLS.

Virginia K. Johnson Home and School, Dallas, Tex.

MRS. M. L. STONE, PRINCIPAL.

(Established 1896.)

By the faculty and friends of the Virginia K. Johnson Home it is conceded that the year 1917 was the best in its history of twenty-four years—the debt on the building canceled and not one dollar of indebtedness for current expenses. Considering the fact that we take girls from all classes and environments, the spirit pervading the Home is not only beautiful, but marvelous. The faculty consists of seven teachers, including the principal. The six departments are doing good work. The Literary Department is doing excellent work. The pupils are required to write history as it is being made from day to day, and they are interested and eager to get the items; they are also studying French and Spanish, and Miss Allen instructs them also in music.

The aim of the institution is to Christianize, educate, and train the girls to make noble, helpful Christian women. The Bible is taught as a textbook, and every teacher has an evening with the girls to hold a social or religious service. The spiritual atmosphere of the institution would convince one that Christ is the recognized Head of this house, and we give him all glory.

At present we have fifty-six girls. Forty-five entered during the year. We had twenty-five births—five died while very young—and one death among the adults. Of the eleven infants taken out with their mothers by their parents, we have never heard any good reports. Three, we know, were left in Dallas. Of the twelve girls who went out at the expiration of two years, seven went back to their homes, two entered school, one married, and two were placed in splendid homes and are making good records.

The girls of and among themselves have organized two clubs. One club has adopted the name of Servants of Christ and the other the H. S. Q. Club—"Help Somebody Quick."

Since the first of October forty-five garments have been knit and three dozen garments have been made for the soldiers by the teachers and girls through the Red Cross without interfering with the regular system of training. The material was contributed by the teachers, and ten nice, good, warm comforts were tacked by the girls in less than two days and sent to Camp Bowie when numbers of soldiers were dying there.

We very much wish that time and space could be given to tell of the many good things we have received and give the names of the blessed ones who gave. But reports have been published monthly in the *King's Messenger* of the boxes and barrels and meat and ice that have been so generously given and most gratefully received. God bless our many friends and prosper them and speed our *King's Messenger* as it goes out with its many messages of love and gratitude!

Mrs. W. H. Johnson reports:

"Silver Anniversary (February, 1893, to February, 1918, of the Virginia K. Johnson School.—Received in 1917: January, \$521.50; February, \$204.10; March, \$144; April, \$4,661.04 (canceled our debt and started endowment with \$630.54); May, \$45.50; June, \$135.50; July, \$16; August, \$65 (September vacation month); October, \$180; November, \$110; December, \$120. Grand total, \$6,382.64.

"All debts canceled, beginning endowment fund of \$1,302.54. Our Heaven-sent benefactors have never seen the Home, but in fifteen years have given over \$2,000 and sent a check for \$3,700, which paid off our debt, started the endowment with \$300, and gave to our girls' Y. W. C. A. loan fund \$20. O the joy to repeat to our Woman's Council and the world that God's house of mercy lifts its victorious banner with thanks to God for our Christlike methods of government and every dollar of indebtedness wiped out!

"After a hard struggle of twenty-five years, we ask all who love purity and righteousness to celebrate with us our silver anniversary. We challenge the world to show the institution that has done more good for our Master's cause and humanity in the same length of time and at so small cost. More than 2,200 girls were saved and given a new chance in life, and 1,200 innocent infants were tenderly cared for and adopted by Christian parents, thus giving them an honorable name and education and parental inheritance, which meets the legal demands of every well-governed State for the protection of its citizenship, especially Texas."

Door of Hope, Macon, Ga.

MRS. F. M. KNOWLES, SUPERINTENDENT.

There were twenty-two girls in the Home during 1917, nineteen babies were born, and three died. Twelve girls went home with their babies, and one went to work. Nine girls and seven babies are in the Home now.

The Home is in a splendid condition, and this has been a fine year. God has blessed the work, and these girls in the Home are all living Christian lives. I pray that God will give us more souls another year. All of the girls stayed their time out but three, who went back home.

We have received many courtesies from the banks and merchants.

Methodist Dormitory, College of Industrial Arts, Denton, Tex.

REPORT OF THE MANAGER FOR YEAR JANUARY 1, 1917, TO DECEMBER 31, 1917.

The work of the Dormitory continues. More and more our Methodist people are learning the value of the Dormitory as a helpful factor in the lives of our girls.

The college grows, though every one predicted a great shrinkage. Fourteen hundred young women have matriculated this year. The realization of the needs of a practical education has given this school the largest attendance of any school for girls in the State. The Bible chair is doing a great work, as the report shows. Our financial report is an evidence that we are keeping up with all expenses, notwithstanding the strenuous times.

The building is now ten years old; and of course the older a house, the more must be spent for repairs. While we have watched closely after it this year, we see greater needs upon us, such as repairing furniture and work on the building because of excessive drought.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Receipts.

Board of girls for eight and a half months, extra meals, guests, forfeits, etc.....	\$10,714 00
Sale of piano, cows, etc.....	359 00
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	\$11,073 00

Expenditures.

Groceries, vegetables, meats, butter, chickens.....	\$5,758 61	
Gas, lights, and water	708 10	
Wages	2,116 60	
Painting cornices, repairs, new furniture, canning fruit, painting barn, dining room.....	389 68—	8,972 99
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Balance in bank (including \$310 insurance fees)		\$ 1,506 23

BUILDING FUND.

Received from Mrs. Findly Bean.....	\$ 1,000 00
Received from Mrs. Frank Bennett January 13, \$51.13; January 22, \$51.71.....	102 84
Received from Mrs. James Carter March 2.....	5 00
Received from Miss M. J. Curd September 1.....	100 00
Received from Miss M. J. Curd December 24.....	100 00
Received from Mrs. Frank Bennett, for Central Texas Conference	100 00
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	\$ 1,407 84

Paid out:

Check to Mrs. L. P. Smith to take up bonds.....	\$ 1,400 00
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BIBLE CHAIR FUND.

Received from Mrs. Frank Bennett for salary of Miss Stafford for year ending May, 1917.....	\$ 800 00
Received from Mrs. Frank Bennett for salary of Miss Stafford from September to December.....	300 00
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Paid out:	
By check to Miss Stafford, September to May.....	800 00
By check to Miss Stafford, September to December.....	300 00

Miss Helen Stafford, Bible teacher, reports:

"Number taking Bible 1916-17, ninety. Courses are offered covering the Old and New Testaments during the course of the year. A large number of students carry the work through the year; some are forced to drop it on account of conflicts or required subjects. Since a State law forbids credit being given in Bible toward a certificate for education—i. e., a teacher's certificate—many students do not have the opportunity to elect it. A number, however, take the work without credit just because they want it. Many students have expressed their hearty appreciation of the work and what it has meant to them. A number have said they felt that they got more out of it than from any other subject they were taking. A special effort is made to encourage the students to think seriously and thus to make their own the vital elements of their religious faith and not merely to accept them as an inheritance from childhood."

We append the following letter from Dr. Bradley, President of the

College of Industrial Arts, as it gives his estimate of the work of the Methodist Dormitory:

"DENTON, TEX., February 28, 1917.

"There are so many benefits that are derived by students of the College of Industrial Arts and by the college as a whole from the work of the Methodist Dormitory that I feel impelled to give you a brief statement of my appreciation of the work which has been done and is being done by the Methodist Dormitory for the girls who attend the College of Industrial Arts. The following are some of the benefits which are easily apparent to me:

"1. The atmosphere and spirit of the Methodist Dormitory are generally religious and spiritual; and this not only tends to serve helpfully the girls who live in the Methodist Dormitory, but reaches and benefits the entire student body of the college.

"2. The regular observance of vesper service for the girls who live in the Methodist Dormitory makes, in my opinion, a lasting impression upon the characters and ideals of the girls. I have had occasion personally to talk to a number of girls who have attended this college and lived in the Methodist Dormitory and who are now teaching in different parts of the State or are presiding as wives and mothers in the homes of the State. Expressions from these people place great value and emphasis on the benefits they received from the Methodist Dormitory while attending the College of Industrial Arts.

"3. The Methodist Dormitory without doubt maintains the very highest ideals and standards of moral and religious life and encourages and inculcates regularity in religious services, as well as regularity and dependability in attending the Sunday school and the regular services of the Methodist Church. This regularity and the unflinching devotion to correct ideals and practices of religious duties have a tremendous influence for good on girls during their impressionable college years.

"4. The whole work of the College of Industrial Arts tends to enable the girls to get a correct perspective of the conditions, duties, and opportunities of life, with special reference to the material, intellectual, and spiritual. This work also develops in the girls industrial efficiency and begets a spirit of community betterment, developing a large measure of wise and capable leadership. The girl thus equipped and with the proper religious spirit and training becomes in almost every case the most valuable and efficient Church worker of the community.

"It seems to me that the work of the Methodist Dormitory, together with the other agencies and factors in the educational life of the girls at this college, tends to give the students a large vision and a big desire to live lives of genuine usefulness. It is with pleasure that I thus acknowledge the valuable service which has been rendered to the girls of this college and which is now being rendered to them by the Methodist Dormitory. I am fully convinced that the Missionary Society of the Methodist Church in Texas cannot render a more valuable and helpful service to the cause of the Church than to establish and provide for the maintenance of an additional dormitory at this college, where hundreds and thousands of girls would receive inspiration and religious training along with their college work and would be thus equipped to render efficient and valuable work in the Churches of their respective communities of the State.

"Very truly yours,

F. M. BRADLEY, *President.*"

COTTON MILL WORK.**Atlanta, Ga.—Wesley House.**

DEACONESS ROSA BREEDEN, HEAD RESIDENT; MISS MARY SCHLEYER, MISS NELL PROFFIT, MISS GRACE JACKSON; MISS ELOISE BAXTER, KINDERGARTNER.

Our cotton mill community numbers 6,000 people, and we have reached 750 homes this year. This has been a trying year in many respects because of the general unsettled condition of the world. It has been harder to reach our young women perhaps than at any other time in the history of this Wesley House because of the attraction the men in khaki afford. Nevertheless, our work has been blessed and fortunate for many reasons, so that at the end of 1917 we find much cause for rejoicing.

The library has reached many homes. Fifteen hundred and seventy-three people have attended, 990 books have been loaned, and 1,440 magazines and 336 new books have been donated. The plan for indexing has been changed, and some books have been eliminated. Miss Alice Thomas, the faithful librarian for the last six years, is still in charge.

The night school has not done so well this year as formerly. It decreased greatly in membership after the cantonment came to Atlanta. Some of the young men were working late at the camp, some have gone into the army, and a number of the girls in our immediate neighborhood married soldiers. As usual, the Board of Education is sending to us four teachers. Some of the students are most faithful.

The total receipts from the settlement activities in 1917 were \$1,106.22.

The young people's social evening has seemed worth while, when from time to time we have heard them express themselves as to its pleasure and profit. We have clearly seen them developing from month to month. In September they gave a play which was rendered almost without a flaw. The proceeds from it and the refreshments, together with some money the young men made up, went into balls, etc., for the winter's fun. With the aid of resident workers, they have given several parties, picnics, etc. Two of our young men are assistant secretaries in the Bible class. Two of our young women are officers in the Patriotic League unit, and the President of our Mothers' Club is one of our most faithful volunteers. The young women have an organized Philathea Class, which I have the privilege of teaching.

Our supply store has again enabled more than one family to keep the children sufficiently clothed for school. It has been fairly well supplied not only by the city auxiliaries, but also by town and country auxiliaries out in the North Georgia Conference. Lovely donations have come in for household use this autumn.

Our Bible school has had an unusually successful year. The general average is one hundred and twenty-two. On Easter Sunday there were one hundred and sixty-six present.

The annual picnic in May was quite a large occasion in the lives of our people. Two hundred and fifty were present. The school gave very successful Rally Day and Christmas programs. Two collections have been taken for outside interests—one for the Decatur Orphans' Home (\$2.90) and one for the Home for the Friendless (\$6.51). During the Billy Sunday campaign forty of our pupils took their stand for Christ.

The Wesley House and the Fulton Bag and Cotton Mills determined to have their share in the nation-wide Baby Week, so they planned their

activities together. On Monday afternoon a talk was given to "Little Mothers"; Tuesday was parade day. The float which the Fulton Bag and Cotton Mills clinic had was the most interesting in the parade. Wednesday was registration day for all babies under two years. On Thursday night there was a mass meeting for women and on Friday night one for men in our auditorium. Some of the finest doctors in the city were on the program.

The mill owners have done some very fine things for their people this year. They have put in a coöperative grocery store and have sold coal to the operatives during the fall and winter months at \$6 a ton, have opened a laundry, organized a band, and built a pavilion for same, have improved streets, painted houses inside and out, and planted trees and flowers. They have built long porches, both upper and lower, for forty of their houses. During the year they have continued to conduct their medical work and have done very lovely things to aid us in our work.

We have also been privileged to have most pleasant coöperation with the Y. W. C. A., Y. M. C. A., Associated Charities, Juvenile Court, Atlanta Child's Home, Home for the Friendless, and the Anti-Tuberculosis Association, which has perhaps doubled our influence.

Again our efforts have been aided materially by some very strong volunteers. Perhaps the Church at large does not realize how valuable is the service of the volunteer workers who help in its settlements.

As usual at Christmas time, we had a special entertainment, with distribution of gifts and candy; but on Sunday, December 23, we gave the settlement community an opportunity to contribute their part for others. On Christmas Day we delivered gifts and baskets of groceries and fruit. We enjoyed the company of two soldiers from Camp Gordon in our home at Christmas dinner. At night we had open house for young people.

On November 6 the great American evangelist, Billy Sunday, came to our city. His tabernacle was only seven blocks away. Several times the mill arranged for large crowds to attend in a body, on one occasion sending the band. About fifty-five of our people took a definite stand for Christ, and we have organized some of them into weekly prayer meeting groups. The noonday prayer meeting for working women and our neighborhood prayer meeting have been continued.

Altogether this has been a good year, and we are looking forward with a renewed sense of responsibility and yet with joy to 1918.

BOYS' CLUB WORK.

Miss Nell Proffitt reports:

"The boys of the Wesley House have felt the effects of the war in having to give up one after another of the volunteers who were helping with various clubs and classes.

"The senior boys have had glee, dramatic, debating, and athletic clubs. When left without a leader the last time, they organized themselves into a club, which is in itself a permanent organization and which has its regular club program and meetings, whether there is a volunteer worker present or not. They have worked out for themselves their own club policy and code of honor, which they conscientiously uphold.

"Each member is paying twenty-five cents a week toward gymnasium suits, that they may have match games in basket ball with other teams. They have bought a volley ball and a football.

"One Senior Club member was heard to ask another for a match on the first night they organized this club. 'What do you want with it?'

he was asked by another member. 'Why, light a cigarette with it, of course.' 'Not in this Wesley House,' was the emphatic answer. No smoking nor chewing has been seen in the Wesley House by these club boys since that night. Club pride and a new sense of honor had done for them what the Wesley House rules had failed to do. Moreover, the club itself has grown in members and interest since the boys realize that it is their own and that they are responsible for it. Each prospective member makes application to the club for membership and is admitted only by vote of the club. When any member fails to measure up to the club standards, vote is also taken upon the question of his remaining a member.

"The junior boys have caught the spirit of the older boys and have made a beginning in the same direction. They have their social and athletic clubs.

"The class in carpentry is quite a success. One of the teachers from Tech High School gives three hours a week to it, and only two boys have been absent and that on a very rainy day. They make wastebaskets, book troughs, taborets, etc., which they stain walnut and mahogany and for which they find a ready sale. They have a shop all their own, which was fixed up for them by the Fulton Bag and Cotton Mill.

"The two youngest groups of boys have their story hours, social and athletic clubs, and do some work in paper sloyd and color-drawing.

"During the Billy Sunday campaign some of the boys took their stand for Christ. Many joined the Pocket Testament League and are proud to report the number of chapters read and to show their Testaments to give proof that they have not forgotten.

"The volunteer workers have been men and women of strong Christian character. They come from Emory University, the Georgia School of Technology, the Central Y. M. C. A., the Tech Y. M. C. A., Agnes Scott College, and teachers from the Tech High School. Some are ministerial students, some evangelistic preachers, one the Governor's assistant secretary, and some are Y. M. C. A. secretaries. But theirs is a spirit of service, and service here has been for many of them a stepping-stone to service for their country and their God, some having entered the army Y. M. C. A.

"The boys' workers' stipend is paid by the Epworth League Union, one of the strongest organizations in the State and composed of some of the most capable and enthusiastic workers. This Union stands back of the boys' work and helps in many ways to make the work a success."

GIRLS' CLUBS.

Miss Mary Schleyer reports:

"Again this year the Girls' Club work has been somewhat disorganized owing to the change in workers, but clubs and classes are now well under way. The sewing school is growing, over sixty pupils being enrolled and six classes with a superintendent who is a volunteer worker with one year's training at Scarritt. There are three cooking classes, two little girls' clubs, a kitchen garden, two music classes, all of which are well attended.

"The presence of the soldier in our midst has affected our young women's work to a great extent, at least we feel that it has. The number attending night school and social clubs is much smaller this year than last. While this appears rather discouraging, yet we feel that we are doing a much more definite work with the few we have. The Y. W. C. A. has been coöperating with us in a most gratifying way. Last year we had no help from that source whatever. This year one of the extension secretaries has organized a unit of the

Patriotic League at the Wesley House and is taking a personal interest in the girls, meeting with them herself every Friday night.

"Our girls, from the very nature of their work (cotton mill), are separated from other business girls. Their lives, interests, and amusements—all, in fact—are confined to this little mill village, with absolutely no contact with the outside world. Last year we longed to bring them in contact with other working girls in other occupations, and this year we are seeing our dreams and hopes realized. Because of the Patriotic League, we have been able to take them to social gatherings at the Y. W. C. A., where they naturally meet other people from the different walks of life.

"The Billy Sunday campaign has also been of great benefit to them, not only spiritually (twenty-six of our small and older girls having taken their stand for Christ), but in many other ways as well. The Business Women's Council, organized under Miss Miller and Mrs. Asher, of the Sunday party, met once a week at the Y. W. C. A., and several of our girls were regular attendants. There they heard other business girls express themselves freely about their work and its problems, all of which has given them confidence, made them more self-reliant, and developed them along many lines."

KINDERGARTEN.

Miss Eloise Baxter reports:

"So far this year the kindergarten attendance has been very good. We have had an average of thirty for the four months, only one-third of whom are nursery children.

"Miss Elizabeth Richardson, the young lady who assisted Miss Hamby last year, is with us again this year and is indeed a very capable assistant.

"Through the contributions of some of our friends we now have the money with which to buy a full set of fifth gift blocks, the only enlarged gift which the equipment now lacks.

"Mr. Elsas has given us three splendid window boxes, which are now filled with hyacinths, tulips, and geraniums. On one of our excursions we took our buckets and shovels and brought back the soil in which these flowers are planted.

"The children have enjoyed their three parties very much, partly because of the delicious ice cream given us by the different junior missionary societies of the district.

"The kindergarten Thanksgiving offering was given to the Home for Incurables. The nurses took us through the wards, and the children sang several of their kindergarten songs, which the old people seemed to enjoy.

"At the Christmas party each little child received candy, fruit, and a toy, and all went home happy."

DAY NURSERY.

Miss Grace Jackson reports:

"The Day Nursery statistical report for this year is practically the same as last. Over two hundred children have been received, while the average attendance and homes represented are the same. Some of these little ones have no father, and a few have no mother. The majority, however, are the children of parents who are separated. Others have both father and mother; but sickness, high cost of living, and inability to make a living on the father's part have made it necessary for the mothers to work. The day nursery, therefore, not only provides a place for the children of these parents, but in many cases has kept the family together, as some mothers would have

to be separated from their children entirely or have them improperly cared for. We are constantly learning new songs and Bible verses at the morning prayer hour. The irregularity of attendance of some is a great handicap in any line of work we may undertake.

"A number of our mothers have taken advantage of the hot dinners we serve in a separate dining room at noon each day. Over ten thousand cooked meals have been served to mothers and children during the year.

"Through friendly visiting we have tried to keep in touch with our families where there has been sickness, especially during the epidemic of measles last spring, both material and medical relief being given in some cases.

"The Sunday evangelistic campaign has meant a great deal to our community, and our hearts were made to rejoice when several of our mothers took a definite stand for Christ."

Augusta, Ga.—King Mill Settlement House.

MISS MARGARET URQUHART.

The cotton mill community served by this settlement numbers 2,000, and last year 1,136 homes were touched by the workers.

In all departments of our work we are encouraged by the continued sympathy, love, and interest of the people in our community for the Settlement Home and its various activities.

While the increased enrollment in the different classes has not been so very large, in every instance it is always increasing. For instance, 1916 against 1917: Enrolled in Bible classes, 24 in 1916, 36 in 1917; Sunday school, 136 in 1916, 199 in 1917; converts, 11 in 1916, 24 in 1917. And so on all through our different divisions of work.

Our religious department still covers the Bible class, Sunday school, service on Sunday evening, and the mission workers. In the Bible study class every child has a Bible in hand and does his or her own work. We are glad to have many of our small children finding their own references. Conference has given us Mr. Nunn to help us in our Sunday evening services, and we are glad to have his earnest, helpful aid.

Our day school, nursery, story hours, reading room, cottage house-keeping, and sewing classes have had a good attendance throughout the year.

Through the very helpful assistance of the city district nurse we have been enabled to accomplish a larger amount of clinic work this year, and as a result of our efforts we have obtained a baby clinic in connection with our Settlement Home, a long-felt need and from which we hope for great things for the dear little babies in our community.

As we review our year's work we humbly and gratefully thank God for using us. It has been a wonderful experience having him provide our every need, spiritually and materially, from day to day. And so we begin this new year without fear and in great confidence, knowing that he goes before us and surely knows the way.

Birmingham, Ala.—Avondale Wesley House.

DEACONESS FLORENCE BLACKWELL, HEAD RESIDENT; MISS ETHEL CUNNINGHAM, MISS CELIA PARSONS.

There are nine hundred people in this community, and we have reached one hundred and forty-nine homes. We feel that the year has been a good one. A closer acquaintance with our people because of longer residence among them and the growing confidence between

us have given us greater opportunities for helpfulness. There has been progress along all lines, but no enlargement, because we are already doing all that can be done with the present force of workers.

The Mothers' Club is a factor for good in the community life and uses every opportunity to make the community better, morally and physically. The Bible lessons are an important feature of the weekly meetings and are much appreciated by the members. Some have been knitting for the soldiers. At the request of one mother a certain hour in the day is set apart for prayer in the home for the boys at the front and for the mothers of these boys. During the summer a few of the meetings were given over to canning demonstrations.

The sewing school continues to be one of the most attractive features of the work, and two girls have finished the course, made their graduation dresses, and received their diplomas.

The night school, though small, has done excellent work. Our teachers come from the public schools, giving us one night a week. Some of our pupils, in spite of many difficulties, have been regularly in their places.

The Little Housekeepers' Club is an interesting group of sixteen little girls from six to nine years old. In fair weather we usually have about eighteen present. A few are waiting for some one to drop out so that they may have a place.

Our boys' work the first of the year was very fine, and splendid results were seen. The work has suffered later on account of the loss of the leader. A new leader has been secured, and the work will be resumed at once.

I have had a Sunday school class of twenty little boys from twelve to fourteen years old. If we could see no other results, their behavior in class is very much improved.

The sale of second-hand garments on Saturday afternoon is most popular and helps some of our people to solve in a measure the problem of the high cost of living. It also gives us a touch with some women that we couldn't have otherwise.

In spite of the fact that this year so much time and money are being given to Red Cross work, the Wesley House has not been neglected in any degree. At Thanksgiving and Christmas time many generous gifts came to us, and a number of families were provided with dinners as well as other gifts. The workers at the Wesley House had the pleasure of distributing the gifts of fruit, nuts, and candy given by the mill to their employees.

The Christmas tree at the Wesley House gave joy to about two hundred children, young people, and mothers. It was, indeed, a time of good cheer and a fitting close to a good year in all departments.

Miss Cunningham gives these incidents of her work:

"I think one of the most interesting and helpful things in the nursery work this year has been when the nursery mothers and children have helped others. On Thanksgiving they brought offerings for the Children's Hospital. Our Board ladies were kind enough to take them in autos to deliver their things and then for long rides over the city. They have done this several times, and through the personal contact benefit was received by all. Our mothers seemed to enjoy it more than anything that has been done for them. The nursery is always well remembered, and especially at Christmas. The children enjoyed decorating a tree and inviting a little crippled child, who did not remember ever having seen a tree before, to share their gifts."

Miss Parsons reports:

"The kindergarten work has been most encouraging this year. I realize more and more the fact that it pays to serve in the same field

more than one year. We have enjoyed numerous nature study outings at the park and at Gypsy Woods, where we gather goldenrod in the fall and dandelions and violets in the springtime. Among the most enjoyable trips of the season was a truck ride—the truck being furnished by Mr. Comer, the mill owner—when the little ones took their thank offering in the way of fruits, vegetables, and small jars of jelly for the Children's Hospital. It is truly more joyful to give than to receive.

"During the three years I have served here I have been fortunate in having work with people of all ages. Every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon I meet with girls from ten to fourteen years of age for lessons in cooking, and sometimes we go on little hikes and have lessons in fire-making and cooking in the open. There is quite a 'chummy' atmosphere existing between us while on these outings, yet we are all business when it comes to our regular class work. I really find myself thinking while with them that there could be no phase of work so important or interesting.

"I have also found great pleasure in working with the older girls in their Recreation Club, which meets every Monday evening. I find in them splendid material for future development."

Dallas, Tex.—Wesley House.

DEACONESS MARY A. KIMBRO; MRS. CARRIE L. BOND, NURSE.

Work at Wesley House, Dallas, for the year 1917 has moved steadily forward. Each department shows the progress made. The most important new work we have taken up is the Red Cross in the Mothers' Club, Young Woman's Club, and with the children. Our Mothers' Club in seven weeks hemmed six hundred and fifty-six towels and gave \$15. The two other clubs are doing nicely with their work. The boys as well as the girls are much interested in knitting; but on account of shortage and high price of wools, we have been unable to do much in this line.

The Sunday school, with a splendid corps of teachers, is keeping up in attendance and enthusiasm.

The Wesley House Church has been put on the presiding elder's roll, and he visits us regularly. We have also a regular preacher.

One revival was held during the year, with fifteen conversions and seven additions to the Church.

God has been wonderfully good to us this year, and we trust that the coming year we may be enabled to show our love and appreciation to him by a greater work.

Mrs. Carrie Bond, nurse, reports:

"This has, indeed, been a busy year with us. We realize that the clinic work has gone forward, which proves to us more than ever that if we trust and just work on as we should our Heavenly Father will help us to surmount all obstacles. Ours is the only free clinic in our district and is being well attended. When we first opened up our new building, the people were shy and rather distrustful. I was asked: "Why are you doing all this for us?" But now they are beginning to understand and are coming and depending more and more on us for help. We treated from our clinic this year 1,818 cases, which were followed up into their homes by me.

"Our friends have been good to us, making many nice donations to our clinic, consisting mostly of bed linen, towels, baby clothing, and surgical supplies, for which we are truly thankful.

"We have done a good deal of work with the school children, the superintendent and teachers sending them to us, especially those with bad eyes and tonsils. We have operated on quite a number, removing

bad tonsils and adenoids. The United Charities are sending a good many patients to us, and we are glad to work with them. Our kind physicians have been faithful and have done splendid work. One has been called to France to help care for our soldiers' eyes, but another has stepped into his place and is carrying the work right on.

"When we have a patient in the clinic for a few days' stay, we read and pray with him, and quite a number have come into our little Church here from the help we tried to give them while sick. This is the main object of our work; for while we are ministering to their suffering bodies, we do want to lead their hearts to God."

Danville, Va.—Wesley House.

MISS ANNIE RECTOR, HEAD RESIDENT.

As we come in contact with the one thousand people of our community we realize more fully that "our likenesses are greater and deeper than our differences." We find in them the same desires and interest possessed by those of the most fortunate circumstances, and we often marvel at the nobility of spirit despite the conditions of environment.

We have been very fortunate in securing Miss Weatherford and Miss Ruffin, one of our Danville girls, who have given themselves unflinchingly to the work.

The Mothers' Club has been attended by the most faithful and earnest women of the community, who have responded to the subjects of discussion and study in a way that has been most gratifying to the workers. Last year when the City Beautiful Movement was launched in our city our Mothers' Club gave their interest and energy. The first prize, for improvement in yards, was won by a member of our club. This year the second prize was also won by a member of the club, and most of the barren front yards were changed into attractive little plots of grass and flowers, while the back yards were transformed into productive vegetable gardens. In response to the lectures on canning, almost every mother prepared for the winter by canning and preserving. It was with the help of the members of the Mothers' Club that we canvassed our entire community during the food conservation campaign. The mothers have sent post cards to each of the soldier boys of our community, and we have conducted special prayer services for these boys, not forgetting our nation and the nations of the world. Plants and trays have been sent to some of the sick members and a pair of crutches bought for a crippled girl of our community. We are beginning Red Cross bandages now.

We have conducted a Boys' Club this year, with an enrollment of fifteen. The boys have adopted a constitution which stands for the highest and best ideals, and all misdemeanors are brought before their executive committee. The boys have been on hikes and enjoyed several entertainments. Unsolicited, they have cleaned the playground, mended some of the apparatus, delivered Christmas baskets, and shown great interest in civic improvement.

Overlapping of relief work has been avoided this year by the splendid coöperation of philanthropic organizations as a result of our suggestion that we use the card system at Christmas time. We have had several meetings of the social workers, in which plans and problems were discussed.

There have been 5,421 visits made to the playground during the year.

We count it a privilege to work for the uplift of our fellow man, and God has been good to us.

Miss Ruffin reports:

"Our sewing school has outgrown its cramped quarters; and while every available space is used, there has been for several months a waiting list of girls who are eager to attend. The attendance and interest are splendid, and our nine teachers are kept busy every minute school is in session, teaching the fundamental stitches, embroidery, cutting, fitting, and the making of garments.

"The attendance at the cooking school is very good also. Our aim is to stimulate a broader interest in the home, to teach careful preparation of food, and to help the girls acquire habits of cleanliness, neatness, and economy.

"We have a club composed of employed girls from fourteen to sixteen known as the Bluebirds' Club. Like the bluebirds, these girls stand for happiness, and their leader is striving to make the girls realize that the best way to have true happiness is by making others happy. On Christmas these girls contributed and bought two pairs of good shoes for two old ladies who sorely needed them. Their next undertaking will be the making of Red Cross bandages one night each week."

Miss Weatherford reports:

"Our kindergarten is most inspiring. We have an enrollment of thirty-four and splendid attendance, the best average ever. The children are interested and enthusiastic, always eager to come. The mothers tell of all sorts of measures they have to resort to in order to pacify them on days when it is just impossible to send them. Even in the severe cold, snowy, and icy weather a goodly number are always present; and when everything has been covered with ice, some have come on the backs of little colored boys and some brought by the mothers themselves, coming a number of blocks. It does us great good to see the mothers willing and ready to make these efforts and sacrifices that their children may attend. It shows that they are appreciating the kindergarten and realizing its real value.

"The Little Housekeepers meet every Thursday afternoon—sixteen little girls from nine to eleven years of age. Usually all are present. They take great interest in their work and are trying to learn how in the best way to keep a house neat and clean and bright, to be sunbeams that freshen and cleanse and cheer not only a house, but the lives of others."

Darlington, S. C.

MISS SUSIE MITCHELL, MISSIONARY.

We have had a very good year and feel that we have many things for which to be thankful. Through the generosity of our mill company our Settlement House has been greatly improved. A new porch has been built, the building painted, and on the inside all the walls calcimined and woodwork painted.

In the early part of the year we had an epidemic of measles and whooping cough, followed by pneumonia and pellagra and colitis. In one home there were nine in bed at one time, and seven of these had pellagra in the spring. Many of our people are members of the Holiness Church and will not call a physician nor take medicine, and the conjure doctor is another evil we have to contend with; but the health of the village this fall has been unusually good.

We encouraged the people to plant gardens. We even offered a family next door, that had no space for a garden, the use of a part of the Settlement House yard, which they gratefully accepted. Most every family in the village had a good garden, and many had fall gardens.

It has been very easy to interest our people in the Red Cross and war relief work, as so many of the young men of this community have enlisted and are in training camps.

The Mothers' Club, the Young Woman's Club, and the Girls' Club are all sewing, knitting, and making bandages for the Red Cross. One of our most enthusiastic clubs is the Junior Home Reserves.

The high cost of living and coal famine have not caused much suffering in the village so far, as their wages have been increased some, and the company has granted them free house rent since June 1, and the company's supply of coal was delivered in the summer. Consequently those living in the village have been more fortunate than those in town.

One of the greatest blessings that have come to the community is the enforcement of the child labor law. I believe I can safely say there is not a child under fourteen working in our mill nor one under sixteen working more than eight hours.

Griffin, Ga.—Neighborhood House.

DEACONESS LAURA B. PROCTOR.

I came to Griffin, Ga., on September 4, where a new but enthusiastic City Mission Board had begun work a few months previously. Deaconess Sofia Richardson was the first worker on the field, but ill health forced her to give it up. Later a day nursery was opened and was the chief activity of the Neighborhood House for several months. The high cost of living and lack of funds necessarily closed the day nursery.

Our Neighborhood House is small, but was recently remodeled and has modern conveniences. We are very proud of it, for it is neat and new and quite large enough for our work at the present time.

A large and interesting sewing school is the pride of the Neighborhood House, while the cooking class is doing good work and has grown to such proportions that it is necessary to form another class. The story hour brings both boys and girls together, and the room is usually full to overflowing. The playground is well equipped and in pleasant weather is well attended.

The mothers are fortunate in having efficient women to come and lecture on such subjects as "The Care of the Sick," "Food Conservation," "Careful Buying of Food," and other helpful subjects. They have entered into the Red Cross movement by making hospital garments. I arrived in Griffin too late to have canning demonstrations and thereby help conserve their garden products, but they entered enthusiastically into the food conservation campaign. Those who did not understand its meaning came to the deaconess to find out.

We take great pride in the Camp Fire organization, for the girls have been knitting for the soldiers and are making small pillows for the Red Cross. They sent a Christmas box to one of the young men who went from our community to a training camp.

The volunteer workers are faithful and efficient, and we certainly appreciate their help and cooperation.

We observed the "White Gifts to the King" program in our community Christmas and rejoiced that the boys and girls were willing to give instead of receive gifts. The church was beautiful in white. A large white star lighted by electricity gave light for the church while a dramatization of the visits of the shepherds and wise men was given. While the quartet sang "The Prince of Peace" the light went out of the star of Bethlehem and flashed out on the white cross.

The "Legend of the White Gift" was given, and each Sunday school class presented gifts to the King of kings.

Friends of this work have been exceedingly generous in providing for the poor and needy, and I can truthfully say that these have been four of the happiest months of my service as deaconess.

Knoxville, Tenn.—Wesley House.

DEACONESS EVELYN WADDELL, DEACONESS GERTRUDE GRIZZARD.

Our hearts are filled with gratitude for the wonderful way in which the Lord has blessed us this year in Knoxville. Ours is a cotton mill community of two thousand, and in the year we touched intimately three hundred and fifty homes.

The great need in our community has been that of a Church organization to hold the fathers and mothers and to conserve the work being done for the young people. At the beginning of the year two of our city pastors joined in a revival service, which resulted in forty-four conversions. Since that time a Church has been organized, and a preacher is in charge. The people are very much interested in all the services, and we believe that great good will be accomplished. Our Sunday school is excellent.

Since our last annual report our settlement and community have been taken into the city limits. This has meant much to us in many ways. I think it means most to us that our public school is under city government and that the compulsory laws are enforced. The number of children attending school has been very greatly increased. We are very proud of our school. We have what we have wanted so long in the school—a good principal. She is one of the best in the city, a consecrated Christian woman through whom we can reach the children of the school. Through her coöperation we have been able to reach those in the higher grades as never before. We believe the Lord sent her to us and that it will mean even more than we know to the work. One of the deaconesses is also truant officer, which makes it much easier for us to see that all the children are in school.

Our clubs for the last quarter of the year have been especially gratifying. Attendance and interest have kept up splendidly. We closed the year's work with a splendid Christmas program, which was well rendered by the children of the clubs and Sunday school.

We are thankful to our Heavenly Father for the many blessings he has so bountifully bestowed upon us this year, and we earnestly pray that we may be able to render a greater service this new year than ever before.

Miss Grizzard reports as follows:

"My part of the work has been the young ladies' cooking class, story hour, sewing class, Mothers' Club, and a class in Sunday school. The interest in the cooking school is beautiful, and the girls can hardly get home fast enough to put what they have learned into practice.

"The Sunday school class consists of twenty-five junior girls, with an average attendance of twenty. Every girl brings her own Bible and work book. These girls won the banner for attendance in our school. My cup of joy runs over for the privilege of teaching these his little ones the beautiful truths of his Word."

Macon, Ga.—Settlement Houses.**SETTLEMENT HOUSE NO. 1.**

DEACONESS CORA BORCHERS, HEAD RESIDENT; MISS ANNIE LOU STEED, CITY MISSIONARY; MISS TEXAS HENDERSON, PLAYGROUND DIRECTRESS.

The work in our community of eight hundred souls has gone forward with leaps and bounds, and we have much to make us glad. The pride of our hearts for the year is our Mothers' Club. How faithful they are! Several of them are teachers in our Sunday school. They also hold cottage prayer meetings in the homes, go to the county jail and have services with the prisoners, and out to the base hospital at Camp Wheeler to pray with the sick and dying soldier boys and point them to Jesus Christ. Some of our mothers have joined the Red Cross, and since June we have made seven hundred and forty-two garments for the Red Cross. The mothers have remembered each other on their birthdays with cakes with lighted candles. For many it was their first birthday party and meant much to them.

The supply store, where garments are sold for a very low price, is a real blessing to the people. The poor mothers say they could not keep their children sufficiently clad were it not for our store.

Forty-eight pupils have been enrolled in our night school. Splendid progress has been made on the part of many in attendance. One deaf mute was returned to Cave Springs School.

Three hundred and six patients were treated in our clinic, and one hundred and ninety-one were taken to the hospital and specialists.

In our boys' department we have had first aid, Boy Scouts, athletic clubs, contests, outings, hikes, Y. M. C. A. club, and game room. It is a joy to work with these men in the making.

Our playground continues to serve our little folks.

The social life of the community has not been neglected. On several occasions we have had two hundred and fifty at our community socials.

Coöperation with philanthropic, remedial, and civic organizations has been most satisfactory, and the influence of our work is becoming more and more recognized by other organizations and the city at large.

Since Georgia is a "bone-dry" State, conditions in many homes are much changed. Our hearts are made to rejoice as we hear the wives and mothers say: "Our home is not the same now; it is like beginning life over and in such a different way since my husband cannot get liquor and comes home a kind and loving husband and father instead of a drunken beast. We have a happy home now." Several who drank once now have family prayers.

Our Sunday school, with an enrollment of two hundred, is a great blessing to the community.

Thanksgiving and Christmas were indeed happy occasions. The poor were bountifully provided for. Helpful and appropriate services were held. A white Christmas was observed in connection with the other exercises. A "white offering" of \$10 was made for the homeless Armenian children.

Miss Steed reports the following:

"The work in the girls' department has gone forward nicely during 1917. Early in the year a kitchen garden class was organized. Seventeen little girls came into this class to be taught the art of housekeeping. Our hope is to train these children so that their household work will prove a joy to them instead of a drudgery.

"There were four graduates from our cooking school last June.

These girls had completed the four years' course. On the occasion of the closing of all our organized activities, when appropriate exercises were held, these girls received certificates of graduation. A short while before the closing of school these girls entertained their mothers and a few ladies of the Board with a luncheon which they themselves planned, prepared, and served. The occasion was a great success and delighted the mothers as well as the girls.

"We have forty-five girls in our sewing school. Good work is required of the pupils, as the teachers will not advance them until the work is finished satisfactorily. The teachers gave the children a fine treat Christmas when they brought over gifts for each child and had Santa Claus to appear with a pack on his back to distribute the gifts. Santa's visit brought joy to the hearts of the children.

"One of the Y. W. C. A. workers directs our Girls' Athletic Club. She is giving them the best help they have ever had in developing themselves physically. Along with the real physical work and drill in marching, they are taught pretty folk games, which brighten them up and make them forget their cares.

"Teaching the Philathea Class is a privilege, with attending responsibility, which keeps us much in prayer. At a revival held in the Settlement House last spring four of the girls from this class were brightly and happily converted. Two of them have taken teachers' places in our Sunday school and are doing faithful work."

SETTLEMENT HOUSE No. 2.

DEACONESS DORA HOOVER, HEAD RESIDENT; DEACONESS EMMA ABBOTT.

Settlement House No. 2 is in a cotton mill community of four hundred people. During 1917 we worked with ninety families, which means that we reached the whole community. We had two knitting classes, which enrolled twenty-five women and girls; forty were enrolled in the Garden Club.

The City Board of Education furnished three teachers for the night school, which had seventy-seven students. We helped eleven children to enter the public schools and thirty-six others with schoolbooks. We conducted two Boys' Clubs and one Mothers' Club. The playground and free baths were sources of joy and comfort to our people.

Miss Abbott reports:

"On September 1 I began again in No. 2 Wesley House in another part of Macon. Four cooking classes were organized: two for small girls, one for the older ones who work in the mill, and one for the mothers. The latter class succeeded in getting hold of many of the mothers where the regular organized club failed. They enjoy learning new dishes, and one little girl begged her mother to go so they could have something good to eat on Sunday, for Sunday was the day when the mother tried the dishes she had learned that week.

"The Sunday school was divided this year into two parts, a Doll Dressmaking Club for the little girls and a Thimble Club for those over twelve. Both clubs met on different afternoons and proved attractive and well attended. In the Thimble Club the girls made clothes for themselves. The little ten-year-old girls and some of the older ones were fired with a desire to learn to knit; and not having knitting needles, they straightened two hairpins and came with them to be taught.

"The weekly meetings of the older girls' club are taken up with sewing, music, and reading aloud of 'Just David,' and to that they listen by the hour.

"A story hour for the children has been conducted on Sunday after-

noons, where we have Bible stories and missionary programs in which the children take turns dressed to represent the foreign people of whom the story is told. A little boy in the story hour one afternoon very seriously said: 'God made the world, but Bibb owned it.' (The Bibb Cotton Mill and the village surrounding it, where the people worked and lived, was all he had known.)"

SETTLEMENT HOUSE No. 3.

MISS JOSEPHINE BURGLAND, DEACONESS DELLA PEARSON.

In spite of the great national upheaval, or perhaps because of it, work this year has been a greater joy than previously; probably because of it hearts have been more loving and tender, purposes more earnest, minds more alert, and Christians more consecrated and more willing to spend themselves for their Master and for their country.

In a few ways we are seeing this year the fruits of our labors of last year. We find our children and young people responding more readily, we find a little more regularity in their attendance at classes, we find a little more reverence and respect in their attitude, and we have seen several children and young people decide for Christ. The South Georgia Conference was very good to us in sending to us a minister who seems the one needed for our little Church. On the whole, we feel in our hearts that we have taken root more deeply, and our people are accepting us more as a part of themselves.

Our night school has had a steady attendance of young people and married men. Our principal, Miss Henderson, is a young woman of strong character and determination, and we feel that the solidness and order are largely due to her efforts. I wish some of the women in our missionary societies could step into our night school and see these men with families learn to form their letters and see how proud they are when they can join those letters and form a word or see my class of sixteen-year-old boys and girls learning to add and subtract. Though night school comes in the evening, when I am tired out, it is a joy to teach, and the boys and girls think it is a joy to come. One very cold night I said, "You are mighty fine to come out to school on a night like this," and a boy said: "If you had worked eleven hours in an old factory where you didn't see anybody, you would go anywhere to see somebody and to play a little bit." We always reward them for coming by letting them play an hour after school, and at Christmas we give them a Christmas tree and at Thanksgiving a real banquet. We love our night school.

Our sewing school teachers again have been faithful and have inspired the children to do work of a splendid quality, as their neat and attractive doll clothes prove. The more advanced pupils are very anxious to get into the garment class, and I believe the anticipation of the deaconess in charge is no less.

The "supper class" too has been a delight. I find that my girls are improving. They are less awkward in mixing and stirring, they burn things less often, they serve with more ease, and are less shy at the table. The girls especially enjoy the birthday parties which we have each month. We spread the table in the library, and two of the girls decorate it to look very pretty, and we have a little better supper than usual. The younger girls are learning also, so their mothers tell us.

The mothers have taken joy in Red Cross work. The public school teachers are again thanking us for coöperation. The young women from Wesleyan College continue to give us splendid programs for our Saturday evening socials. Two workers from the Georgia Academy

for the Blind have given us great help. The professor of music is directing our chorus, and the landscape gardener is in charge of a Flower Club. We are expecting great things from both clubs.

The older girls have organized themselves into a Patriotic League unit and as a patriotic movement are going to strengthen their bodies through gymnasium work, while they strengthen their characters by living up to the high standard set by the club. A similar but much simpler club has been organized among the younger girls.

One of the sweetest things of the year has been the kitchen garden class. The little tots learn so readily and remember so well. How great is our influence and responsibility! May God help us to get his appreciation of the value of each soul!

Some one has said: "Put joy into the life of a child, and you put joy into the life of a man twenty years hence." Believing that we could put both health and joy, we made our work of last summer hold just as much joy and just as much fresh air as possible. Those who worked had evening games out of doors, and the children had folk games in the cool of the morning. Through the summer of 1918 we hope for even better things.

Though joy has been in our hearts all the year, there has been some sorrow there too. Many times our boys and girls have disappointed us; many times we have been saddened by the sins of our fathers and mothers; many times we have been tempted to discouragement; many times we have had to drop on our knees before our Master and confess our incapacity and beg for strength, courage, and wisdom. But so were the sweet and the bitter mixed in our Master's life, and we know he understands.

Miss Pearson reports her work as follows:

"Work with boys becomes more and more fascinating, especially with those of the primary and junior ages. Last spring as their club day rolled around, if it were a class that could be held in the woods, they clamored to go there; so the boys and I spent much time happily and helpfully in the open. The junior boys built and arranged bird houses and gardened, and the primary boys did camp cooking. The senior boys held pretty well to their night school work and Friday evening athletics. In the summer we picnicked and played a good deal. Our aim was to keep in touch during the vacation with every boy in the department, so each group of the younger boys had its afternoon weekly at the settlement and the big boys their Friday Evening Club. Several of the picnics were held at the recreational parks near the city, and, besides the usual good times of a picnic, a number of boys learned to swim and to row.

"The Senior Boys' Club for the summer took the form of a kodak club. Pictures were taken on picnics and rambles, and the printing was done by the boys on their club nights. With many of the pictures we made attractive vest pocket kodak books for members of the group who were in the army. There were only three then, but there are three more now; and I, as their deaconess, try to keep in touch with them and make life in the camps and on the firing line brighter for them with letters, pictures, and small gifts.

"On opening the clubs and classes anew in the fall we began a Whittling Club among the junior boys, and its popularity is quite marked. Besides the whittling, they are using their hammers and tacks in making doll furniture. The primary boys never tire of their camp cooking lessons in the woods or around the grate in the club-room if the weather is bad. The grown boys have done some good work in a first-aid class, taught by the pharmacist near us, and in a

Choral Club, conducted by the musical director of an educational institution of the city.

"The clinic has remained an important feature of the work here. There were some serious burns requiring almost constant attention and frequent dressing, and deep cuts which quick attention helped to heal in a few days. We have helped to ward off some pneumonia and to treat some that were ill. We are ever on the lookout for the best remedies for the most common accidents and find our clinic a means of broad usefulness."

Meridian, Miss.—Wesley House.

DEACONESS MOLLIE WOMACK, HEAD RESIDENT.

The activities of our Wesley House during the year 1917 have been a day nursery, a kindergarten, a sewing school, a story hour, two Boys' Clubs, two Hearth Clubs, one cooking class, and a Mothers' Club. The girls of the sewing school have made progress and have gotten a good deal of pleasure from their work.

The Junior Hearth Fire Girls meet every week. In accordance with the plans for war service in settlements, we are in all our clubs pushing the Red Cross work. Our girls are knitting, and the members of the Mothers' Club are knitting and sewing.

Patriotic programs have been given by all the clubs on different occasions. As a member of the Civilian Relief Committee it has been my privilege to come in touch with many soldiers' families and in various ways assist them.

The books in our small library have been read and reread by some of the children, and much good reading matter in the form of papers and magazines has been given out from the Wesley House. Through the work of our Superintendent of Supplies we have helped in getting several children into school and Sunday school by supplying them clothing.

We have given many entertainments for the young people and children. All holidays have been observed with a fitting program. At Christmas time all the children who belong to any department of Wesley House activity were made happy, for St. Nicholas himself came with his pack and gave gifts to all.

The spirit of unselfishness was shown by our boys and girls this year as never before. Each club was glad to give cheer to some shut-in or sick child by a basket or some other gift.

Miss Duncan makes the following report:

"Fifty-two children have been enrolled in the kindergarten during the year. The average attendance has been fifteen. There has been marked development in many ways in nearly all of the children.

"At Christmas time each child made gifts for mother and father. A picture book was made of pictures cut out and mounted by the children and sent to Mattie Hersee Hospital.

"On the morning of the Christmas tree the children carried a basket of good things to an old lady who is blind.

"The work of the small boys' club has been very good. Last winter we had manual training for them. Each boy made a flower stand. Some of these were sold; others are being used at the Wesley House. We made a lovely garden in the spring, and the boys also did a great deal of work in beautifying the yard of the Wesley House. We have our regular meetings every week. A number of hikes have been enjoyed.

"I organized an early teen-age boys' club in September. This has developed into a Boy Scouts Troop.

"Nearly all the girls of the Hearth Fire have worked enthusiastically. Four have taken the log degree. We have had a number of entertainments, inviting the young people of the community. We have also had lectures on health and first aid. We have had several hikes, the girls especially enjoying these."

Nashville, Tenn.—Warioto Settlement.

DEACONESS HAZEL COOPER, HEAD RESIDENT; MISS BESSIE BRAND, CLUB DIRECTOR; MISS MATTIE HAMBY, KINDERGARTNER.

The work of the Warioto Settlement has grown steadily during the year. Another trained worker has been added to our force. Miss Aletha Graham came to us in January and did splendid work the five months she was here.

The City Health Department has moved its baby clinic and milk station into two of our first-floor rooms. Here you find the nurse two hours each morning and a physician one morning each week. The prenatal clinic conducted by Dr. Sam Cowan, of Vanderbilt Hospital, assisted by Mrs. Acree, city nurse, is doing good work. Mrs. Acree tells me it is one of the best-attended prenatal clinics in the United States.

Much of our time has been given to the work of the National Council of Defense, serving on committees and directing the Hoover card campaign. Our institution was the center for registration of women for national defense.

The Big Brothers, a business organization of the city, gave the Settlement a Four-Hundred Enterprise Canner, and through the summer and into the late fall canning classes were taught weekly. Through the efforts of Mrs. R. E. Porter much fruit and vegetables were canned for relief distribution. We assisted the North Nashville Improvement League in getting the vacant lots under cultivation, which was not only a war measure, but greatly helped the looks of the community.

The Mothers' Club gives \$3 each month for kindergarten supplies and has in many ways assisted the workers. They have been knitting for the Navy Comfort League. One meeting each month Miss Oney, government employee, gives lessons in war cooking. They are also taking the Red Cross course in elementary hygiene and home care of the sick.

A group of the girls who work at the bag factory spend their noon hour at the Settlement. We serve a five-cent lunch and entertain them with music and readings. At Thanksgiving and Christmas they were served a lovely dinner. If we had another worker, we would like to enlarge this phase of the work.

Our junior boys' military company is quite enthusiastic over drilling with cornstalks. A Vanderbilt student has charge of this work.

The Epworth Leaguers of the city, ever loyal and true to this work, have had charge of the Sunday school and gospel service every week. Many of them have been called to the colors, and they write that the work they did at the Settlement deepened their spiritual life, and through the strength gained here they have been able to stand "All for Christ" in their new work. One of them has a prayer meeting in his tent each night.

Roman Catholicism is making quite an effort for the control of this community. However, the Methodist Union and the Woman's Board of City Missions are aware of these efforts, and I believe they will not be unfaithful to the trust that God has placed in their hands, of redeeming this community. And this means larger equipment, more workers, and most earnest praying.

Miss Bessie Brand reports:

"As club worker I have helped direct the work of the following clubs: Three domestic science classes, which we have termed 'Honor Helpers.' The girls in these classes know that men, money, and food will win this war. They were happy over sending stuffed dates to seventeen of our community soldier boys. A Pollyanna Club, consisting largely of factory girls and their boy friends, has been conducted. We found that, while knitting, crocheting, sewing, and stories have failed to entertain these young people, games of all kinds and amateur plays are extremely popular. A Jessie Woodrow Girls' Scout Club has two patrols (sixteen, twelve, and thirteen-year-old girls) affiliated with the national organization. They are at present enthusiastically knitting sweaters for Red Cross distribution. Our Saturday afternoon primary and intermediate sewing school has an enrollment of about seventy-eight and an attendance of about sixty. I feel extremely proud of the grading, course, and work that these girls have done and are doing."

Miss Hamby, kindergartner, reports:

"During the month of September about sixty-five children came to be enrolled in the kindergarten. We found that we would have to limit the number. This we did. Soon the children became prompt and regular in attendance. Our children are bright, spontaneous, and responsive. I would take pride in showing to all teachers 'Little Jack Horner' made of clay and an aeroplane constructed of paper by a five-year-old child and some of the free and spontaneous work that has come from the children. Our children have made some of their own songs, which we have put to music."

"In all the club work we have tried to impress upon our people their responsibility in this world struggle."

Orangeburg, S. C.—Wesley House.

MISS SADE DAVIS, HEAD RESIDENT.

My record for 1917 shows 2,521 visits made in the interest of my work and 4,961 papers and magazines given. There are 500 cotton mill people here, and I reached 110 homes intimately.

The work varies but little from that of other years—visiting the sick, helping to nurse in many cases, carrying delicacies to the sick and shut-ins, giving financial aid when needed, and ever trying to make the burdens of those in trouble lighter. We are always looking for the children, have helped thirty since school opened in September, and all during the year we continue to help with books, clothes, and shoes, so they may remain in school. We so much need a compulsory school law. We make the same effort to get each child in a Sunday school. We have a Sunday school in both mill villages. We co-operate with the King's Daughters, reporting many cases of need to them; but we have also given medicines, food, fuel, and clothing during the year amounting to \$333.70. We gave with the King's Daughters a Christmas entertainment in the auditorium of the high school building, and for this entertainment \$123 was given by the people of the town. I had names of two hundred children, and they were all given a stocking with fruit, nuts, candy, raisins, and a useful present; the mothers who came were given fruit. A good program of Christmas recitations and songs was rendered by the children who attend the clubs and classes at the Wesley House, and in the recitation and song was the real Christmas message. Later we gave a party and presents to the children who came to the Wesley House. Then there

was a contribution of \$80 in money and \$120 in clothing, groceries, and wood for the Wesley House work.

Spartanburg, S. C.—Wesley House.

DEACONESS EDITH LEIGHTY, DEACONESS KATE WALKER, MRS. MINNIE ADAMS.

With the coming of Camp Wadsworth to Spartanburg our responsibilities have multiplied, and we feel that now, if ever, must we meet the opportunity to be a big sister to every girl and young woman in the community. As we made our canvass preparatory to opening our fall work we were very careful to see that no girl was overlooked, and each one was urged to identify herself with the Wesley House in some way; but every new girl won has required far more effort than under ordinary conditions.

The Camp Fire Girls were very fortunate in receiving an invitation from the Y. W. C. A. girls of Converse College to spend a week in their camp, the battleship Maine, on Big Warrior Mountain, near Tryon, N. C. It was the first trip to the mountains for most of the girls, and the early morning climbs, the walks to and from town along the national highway, the view down the Pacolet River Valley, the boat rides on the tiny lake—every moment we were there was filled with fun and surprises. And the greatest surprise was a check from "Captain Tommy" more than covering all our expenses.

The Home Makers' Club has been giving its services to the Navy League and Red Cross, knitting and making bandages. We have tried to make our weekly programs thoroughly patriotic from the viewpoint of a Home Maker's contribution to her nation. At the close of a series of cooking demonstrations we gave a bread show, which was attended by our mill president and superintendent, as well as by a number of our friends in town.

With the help of the Y. W. C. A. War Secretary for mill villages a Patriotic League has been organized. It is quite young as yet, but promises some very helpful and interesting things.

Conducting the mission study in the Epworth League has been a very enjoyable part of the work with our young people. Some little time was given to this organization in directing the "Pageant of Methodism," which was given in our own community to about five hundred of our friends and later given in two other villages.

Mrs. Adams writes:

"My work during the last year has been varied. I came to the Wesley House in February to fill in the vacancy caused by the illness of one of the workers. I have had charge of domestic science classes, sewing school, Boys' Civic Club and athletics, Sunday school class, Young People's Society, and housekeeping. In this work many people of all ages, from the tiny girl in the sewing school to the mother in the domestic science class, were reached and an effort made to meet their needs in every way possible.

"Realizing the need of a greater work with the boys of our community, it was decided that I should organize and superintend a boys' department. This has been a joy to me. Although the organization is new and isn't nearly complete, we have ninety boys enrolled, ranging in age from six to twenty years, and much interest is being shown by the boys. The work of the department so far has been confined to story hour, sloyd classes, carpentry class, Scouts, and Sunday school class."

Miss Walker reports:

"In July the new life at the Wesley House began with the distribution of the Hoover cards as my special duty. This gave me an opportunity of entering many new homes. While there was some difficulty in convincing some of the people of the meaning of each card, I was afforded some amusement as I tried to dissuade one or two of the peculiar idea that they would soon be summoned to France if they signed the card.

"My work here is with the girls. We usually work around until we get the work loved best, and girls' work always appeals to me. The sewing school is very well attended. Our school is graded in four courses, the primary to the advanced class, and when the children graduate they will have learned much about sewing. Our volunteer teachers are from Converse College.

"The two cooking classes were for girls working in the mill, one for the older girls who came at night for their lessons and another for the younger girls who could work only the eight hours and were off early enough to get their lessons in the afternoon. This class is such an interesting one. They show their eagerness to learn by their many questions; and now that we try to teach economy in all foods, they seem delighted to work out new recipes.

"In the dressmaking class the girls are taught to cut, fit, and design."

OTHER NATIVE INDUSTRIAL CENTERS.

Baltimore, Md.

DEACONESS WILHELMINA WAHLROOS.

In the district where I work there have been much sickness and distress. Last winter I visited homes where there was neither fire nor food. In one there were five small children whose mother kept them in bed until noon, so that the little flour and four potatoes made into cakes fried by the aid of newspapers might serve as dinner and breakfast together. The father was sick in bed, and for want of nourishment he kept so weak that when we did get things to strengthen him it was some time before he was able to work. To-day he is well, and his children are happy. Another case: Going into a home one bitter cold morning, we found six little children around a kitchen stove with hardly a handful of fire. The baby, a boy, had not a single garment on except an old sweater tied around his neck; a little girl of five had just an old coat on. "Where is mother?" "O, she has gone out to see if she could get a few pieces of coal!" How thankful I was for my "storeroom" at the church! Very soon we had plenty of warm clothing for those children, besides food and coal. The father was in the penitentiary for nonsupport.

Then there are the shut-in ones. Let me take you into a room where upon her bed lies a woman with a broken hip, all alone during the day (her daughter works). As we enter we are greeted with a smile, never a murmur. How easy it is to forget when we are healthy and strong and life seems so full of joy and gladness! We little think of the long, weary hours of pain and suffering endured by others. We live in such a rush that it is difficult to sympathize. One day a few of us went there to hold a prayer service, and as we sang some of our beautiful hymns, "Jesus, Lover of my soul," "Rock of Ages," her face lighted up. As we left we said to one another: "Yes, it is worth while." So we could multiply cases of those who are bound with sorrow,

bound with affliction of one kind or another, to whom we are privileged to minister in their need and, above all, to point them to the mighty One who can and does sympathize with them.

Our Mothers' Club has done good work. Many have testified to blessings received. One of our younger mothers, who married at sixteen, has three little children. Her husband is a Catholic and is most cruel to her. He has often left her for weeks together without money or food. She tells me that when she can get to the Mothers' Club meetings it is like a bit of heaven to her. We have turned our Mothers' Club into a surgical and Red Cross circle. Every Thursday afternoon our clubroom is a very busy place. Many of our young men from the Church have gone to the different camps for training. So our women feel that we must do our bit by making surgical dressings, pillows, and sweaters.

At our annual summer outing fifty mothers, with as many children, spent a never-to-be-forgotten day at Bay Shore. During the year hundreds of garments have been distributed to the needy. Many visits have been made to the sick, both in their homes and hospitals. Many talks have been made on behalf of the work. Work in the women's Bible class, Home Department, Junior Church, Girls' Club, and League have all been great opportunities for service. God has been our sufficiency. His grace has abounded in all our need.

Corinth, Miss.

DEACONESS FALLA RICHARDSON.

The year 1917 has been an unusual one in many ways. The fact that the people of my own home town believed in me and my work enough to ask for me and that the Woman's Missionary Council trusted me to labor at home means more to me than I can say in words. I came home after the wonderful Council meeting in New Orleans resolved to do my very best through Him to be worthy of their trust. While I have not accomplished all that I had hoped and planned for my home town, I feel that Christ has verified his promise: "Lo, I am with you alway."

Once a week we had a sewing class for girls from six to fifteen years of age. We taught them many passages of Scripture, songs, and missionary stories, as well as the sewing lessons.

In Sunday school I have a class of high-school girls.

The interest of my class in missions increased so much that for the coming year they pledged twenty-five dollars to support a mission Sunday school in Japan.

A weekly evening Bible class with the deaf mutes of Corinth has been a joy. They are so responsive and so appreciative of the opportunity of studying the Word of God! During this year they gave twenty-five dollars to support a boy in the School for the Deaf at Chefoo, China. They are thus having a small part in reaching a few of China's two hundred thousand neglected deaf.

The severe winter has caused much suffering; but through the splendid coöperation of the Churches and business men and their cheerful response to every appeal, we have been able to relieve the hunger and cold.

More than thirty children have been supplied with books and clothing to enter public school.

We coöperated with the Mississippi Children's Home Society in removing a number of children from immoral environment, and they have been placed in good Christian homes. Neglected homes have been built up again and children given a chance.

The sick have been visited with fruit, flowers, and sunshine; the shut-ins have been cheered with good books, magazines, and flowers; the bereaved have been comforted; the lost have been sought; the prisoners have not been forgotten.

It has been good to know that this is the path the Saviour trod and to feel that his presence has been with me as I have ministered to others in his name.

Fort Worth, Tex.—East Side.

MRS. W. F. M'CAMPBELL.

Visits, 2,270; papers, 3,024; Bibles, 37; schoolbooks, 8; booklets, 12; garments, 1,504; shoes, 154; hats, 54; hose, 119; coats, 28; men's suits, 6; ladies', 16; cottage prayer meetings, 50; hospital visits, 51; bouquets in wards, 14; shut-ins and sick remembered with flowers, 32; sick and aged remembered with fruit, jelly, and other delicacies, 20; car fare, \$32.85; money expended, \$102.51; enrolled in sewing school, 70; garments finished this half term; work presented to several societies and Leagues; talks to several Sunday school classes at Central and Over-all Factory; attended all district meetings; secured services of physician for several; secured employment for both men and women; arranged for several funerals and two weddings during year; help furnished county commissioners ten months this year; got aged man into Confederate Home at Austin; caused prosecution of two for assault; one boy at Gatesville Reformatory; secured women to care for two little girls; told 55 social service and missionary stories; picnic at close of Sunday school; Christmas tree for girls; party for V. V. Mission; baskets for 27 needy families; value of garments, gifts, baskets, trip, fruit, candy, etc., for year amounts to \$1,455.45.

Louisville, Ky.—Wesley House.

DEACONESS MARY ORA DURHAM, HEAD RESIDENT; DEACONESS BERTA THOMAS, GIRLS' DEPARTMENT; MISS BERTIE BREEDEN, BOYS' DEPARTMENT; MISS SALLIE WELLS, HOUSEMOTHER.

Never has there been greater need in the city of Louisville for settlement work, and Wesley House has been wide awake to its opportunity. The unsettled national conditions have brought with them like conditions in the social life, and all the agencies of the city have been coöperating in their effort to safeguard the home life of the city.

We have assisted the War Recreation Board by providing wholesome recreation for young men and women. We have furnished two trained workers to serve as probation officers with the protective police patrol, striving as they do to give protection both to the girl and the soldier. We have used our building as a center for the food conservation campaign and rendered much assistance in the same through the services of the Mothers' Club and Boy Scouts. We have held several canning demonstrations for the benefit of this district. Red Cross units have been established, and almost every club is doing some form of relief work.

The Mothers' Club has taken an active part in all the betterment work that has been attempted during the year. Early in the spring a very active campaign for new members was waged, and a most interesting celebration and many new members were the result. There has been a deep spiritual awakening among the club members, and several have done very effective personal work. Not only is this true of the members of this department, but small groups, both of the girls

and boys, are meeting for little prayer times in the interest of their companions who are unsaved.

Miss Berta Thomas, director of the girls' work, reports:

"In the Girls' Department, while the ideals were unattained, yet a glance at the lives shows real development. In one girl it is a growth in patience, in another a vital Christian experience, in another a changed attitude toward life and its responsibilities. One girl who was fretful, willful, and rude was made the special object of prayer by her sewing-school teacher. Combining love and patience with the prayers, she was rewarded by a complete change in the girl. Four girls graduated in the sewing school and are now learning to crochet and knit.

"Kitchen garden is more delightful to our little girls than ever before. The attractive doll furniture, songs, and games make a strong appeal to their love for play. A new plan for the cooking classes has been worked out. In six lessons they prepare six dinner dishes, then for the seventh a full dinner is prepared and served, applying the knowledge gained in the previous lessons. Then follows a series of breakfast dishes and later the supper dishes.

"The two Hearth Fire Groups give a fine opportunity for character development. They took great delight in painting the walls of their clubroom, decorating them with their symbols. For the business girls there is a gymnasium class, led by a worker from an advanced class at the Y. W. C. A. Marches, games, and exercises, made interesting to the accompaniment of attractive music, give to the tired girl the helpful and refreshing time she needs. There is a sewing class, where all sorts of garments are made under the direction of teachers.

"In coöperation with the Y. W. C. A. a number of girls have enrolled in the National Patriotic League. This has furnished an opportunity for them to sew for Belgians and the Red Cross, also to be helpful to the girl who is weaker and needs a friend."

Miss Bertie Breeden, in charge of the Boys' Department, reports:

"In the Boys' Department the work has grown and developed to a most gratifying degree. All the classes are well attended, and some of them are too full, for in the Manual Training Department the equipment is quite inadequate. But, as the director said, 'We have made things with nothing and out of nothing,' which, after all, is very good training. Bookracks, footstools, game boards, and many other such articles have been made by these boys, and at the same time much helpful instruction has been given to them by the deaconess in charge.

"The Boy Scouts have been ready to render service, much of which has been of a patriotic nature. As a department of their work an orchestra has been organized. They have five pieces, and several others can be added for special occasions. They added much pleasure to the Christmas festivities of the settlement by assisting us with their music.

"The gymnasium classes have been full, and much pleasure has been manifested from the fact that the older boys won their first match game. It is very gratifying to notice the change in the language of some of the boys after they have been talked with in private.

"It would hardly be a complete report of the Wesley House without telling of the splendid camp enjoyed by the Hearth Fire Girls and the Boy Scouts. For a week the boys and girls, with the deaconesses, the Scoutmaster, two mothers and volunteer helpers, enjoyed all the pleasures of the great out of doors. Sleeping in tents, cooking in the open, hiking, swimming, camp fires, and family prayers at night were experiences long to be remembered.

"A very successful daily vacation Bible school was held for six weeks during the summer. Daily Bible stories were told, illustrated by pictures or the children in dramatization. Beautiful songs were sung and interpreted, useful things were made both by the girls and the boys, and many fine games taught them for use at home or on the Public Square.

"This year has been gratifying in that the true spirit of the Christ life seems to be permeating the atmosphere of the whole settlement. The women, the boys, and even the tiniest girls are making an effort to do for 'one of the least of these.' One mother could not understand why her little girl was so anxious to sew for the Belgian children whom she did not know when, as she said, 'You don't get a thing for doing it.' This child and others have caught the joy of loving service."

Memphis, Tenn.—Wesley House.

DEACONESS ANNIE MUTCH, HEAD RESIDENT.

This year in Memphis has marked many changes which we believe manifest progress. The Wesley House was moved farther north, where several large industries are established and where there is visible need of settlement work. An effort toward keeping the Wesley House open in summer was successful. Often more than ninety a day took advantage of its summer classes.

The neighbors of the Wesley House often remarked to the workers: "What a change has come to our neighborhood! You people do not know the good you are doing." One neighbor remarked when one of the workers was visiting her: "Surely you people moved out here in answer to prayer." The worker replied: "We most assuredly did."

There are great possibilities in this section for a large settlement and work, and we believe the Board realizes its opportunities and obligations and that it will meet them.

There was never a finer nor more faithful corps of volunteer workers, and good work has been accomplished in clubs and classes; and could we have a real Wesley House, built for the purpose, so we could meet the need of cooking classes and gymnasium work, there is no telling the number that could be reached or the good done. At the close of a session of the sewing school, as one of the little girls stayed to help put away the sewing material, she looked into the face of the deaconess and said: "You moved out here because you loved little girls, didn't you?" "Yes, and because we love little boys too," replied the deaconess. "Well, I sho' am glad you came. I am so happy because it came." Again do we lift our hearts in gratitude to Him who called us to serve and ask that always may the Wesley House stand for bringing Christ into the hearts and homes of all it shall touch, thus truly transforming lives.

Mobile, Ala.—Settlement Home.

DEACONESS V. MAUD FAIL, DEACONESS CONNIE FAGAN.

Fifty-six girls are enrolled in the sewing school. We have seven splendid volunteer teachers who help to make the school a success. The improvement in the work of some of the girls has been wonderful. A happy picnic for the girls of this department marked the close of the school last summer.

New swings, a slide, and other improvements on the playground have made it the most popular activity of the institution.

The boys' clubs are composed almost entirely of different boys from those I worked with last year. Many of the older boys from last year

have enlisted in the navy. Letters from them tell of the influence the Settlement Home had on their lives. Most of the younger boys from last year are working days and going to night school; so most of the boys are new ones that we are trying to reach and win for Him.

The Mothers' Club, like most other clubs, is engaged in war work along with their other activities. The club has become a Red Cross unit, using two of its meetings a month for making hospital garments, while others are knitting for the soldiers. They have a class on food conservation taught by a competent volunteer teacher. The club also supports a Bible woman in India and gives aid to the needy members of the club. There is an increasing tendency on the part of this Mothers' Club to render service instead of having so much done for themselves. A picnic for the mothers and children closed the activities of the club for the summer.

Again, as in other years, our emergency room has proved a blessing to women and children who needed to be befriended.

Compulsory education has gone into effect, and we are called upon to aid children with books and clothing. We coöperate with the truant officers in helping to keep the children in school. We have three girls away in school again this year.

Through coöperating with other charitable organizations we have assisted in the relief of many of the city's poor.

Our institution was used as the registration center for this ward in June, also as a canning demonstration center for the home gardens.

Our people observed the white Christmas this year, the offering going for the Armenian children.

Miss Connie Fagan reports:

"I have charge of the department for young women and girls. The young women are organized in a Friendship Club, where their social life is encouraged. One of the members has composed and set to music a club song, which is sung at every meeting.

"A group of enthusiastic girls enjoy basket ball every week.

"At the Institutional Church, which is located in a cotton mill district, we have a splendid Sunday school. With the help of six volunteer teachers, we believe most efficient work is being done in the study of the Bible.

"At Christmas a splendid program was rendered at this church by the young people of one of the city Churches. Gifts, fruits, and candy were given by friends to our people, and all were made happy.

"The members of our Mothers' Club were interested in gardening, and two canning demonstrations were given by the country home demonstration agent.

"The sewing school has been helpful to the children, so that now they can make some of their own garments.

"The senior class is doing its bit for the war by making simple hospital garments."

Montgomery, Ala.—Methodist Settlement Home.

DEACONESS ALICE SHEIDER.

The year 1917 has brought changes in the workers at the Methodist Settlement Home, but despite this fact the work has gone on with very little interruption.

Miss Marshall gave up the work in May, and I came the 15th of October; but during the intervening months Miss Finch, local worker, had charge of the Settlement and with volunteer workers carried the usual activities through the summer.

We have a splendid Sunday school. The average attendance for the

year was sixty-six, while that of the preaching service on Sunday afternoon was about forty-five.

Our Church at the Settlement now has a membership of fifty-eight. Twenty-three have been received during the year, twenty on profession of faith and three by certificate. Five babies have been baptized. The missionary society continues to hold the interest of the children. In November they observed the Week of Prayer with a special service. The offering amounted to \$2.20.

Two cooking classes of nine girls each are doing splendid work. Teachers for these classes are furnished by the Domestic Science Department of the Woman's College and all expenses borne by the College Y. W. C. A.

The sewing school has an enrollment of twenty-three, with an average attendance of eighteen. The Philathea Class of Court Street Church assumes all expenses of the sewing school and furnishes a splendid corps of teachers.

The clinic has done good work. Several pellagra patients have been treated and a special diet furnished them. Our clinic is supported by the Mothers' Round-Table Club, and they have been generous in supplying medicine and food when needed.

On Thanksgiving Day a committee from our City Mission Board served a beautiful dinner to one hundred and ten mothers and children. In the afternoon an attractive program was given by the children, with music by the college girls.

Each Thursday we have a community social, to which old and young are invited. At these socials the form of entertainment varies. We had one delightful program by the college girls, a musical program by a group of soldiers from Camp Sheridan, with punch and cake served by a group of young ladies from one of the Leagues, a fried-chicken supper, a watermelon-cutting, an old-fashioned camp stew, a "weenie" roast, a possum hunt, and many other evenings when every one joins in old-fashioned games or does some stunt for the entertainment of all, while our Victrola brings to the people the world's best music and furnishes entertainment of which they never tire. Through these socials we are trying to direct and mold a healthful social life for our young people. We owe much of our success along these lines to the superintendent of our Sunday school, who is a very resourceful young man and who gives generously of his time, energy, and money. Our young people have implicit confidence in him, and he has a wonderful influence for good over them.

At Christmas time there was loving, generous giving by friends of the work. Early Christmas morning we had a beautiful tree for the Sunday school. Attractive and useful gifts were provided for one hundred and thirty, while fruit, candy, and nuts were given to all present. Gifts were also sent to our three girls at Vashti and to three children (from our district) who are in the Orphanage at Selma. But, best of all, our children are learning the great joy of giving to others. Our sewing school girls packed a beautifully decorated basket with gifts which they took to a poor aged woman Christmas morning, while our Sunday school made an offering of \$9 to the Red Cross.

Murfreesboro, Tenn.—Wesley House.

MRS. E. L. SOUBY, SUPERVISOR.

This has, indeed, been an extremely busy year, and the work of the Woman's Home Department of the Board of Missions has grown considerably. The interest shown by the people of our own city has greatly increased, and there has been great improvement in sanitation

among the people of the community. More interest has also been shown in our religious work.

The Wesley House is open every Sunday afternoon, when Bible stories are told and music is furnished by the young people from the different Churches in the city.

The Mothers' Club has also done good work. Besides paying their dues, they have made aprons and quilts, which are sold and the money used to help those who are sick.

On the opening in our community of a new mill which employs a number of women we found it necessary to open a day nursery. Miss Margaret Christy gives her entire time to this work and is responsible for the finances.

The night school has not been as large as usual, due to the fact that many of our young men are serving their country in this time of war. Still the work done has been good. Four of our best young women give three nights each week to teaching in this school.

We have coöperated with the city charities by investigating cases brought to their attention.

The supply store is really a blessing to the people. Garments are sold to them at very low prices.

The boys' and girls' clubs, though small, have also done good work. The boys have been organized into a brass band, and a good director has been secured.

We have had two graduates from our sewing department. Several of our girls crochet beautifully and are learning to knit.

During the summer the day nursery, kindergarten, and playground were open, and visiting and socials were continued.

Our Christmas entertainment and Christmas tree were very successful. Presents, candy, and fruit were given to one hundred and fifty. Baskets were given to a number of families by our Sunday school.

The community nurse is of great assistance not only in the sick room, but in teaching the mothers to care properly for their children.

Nashville, Tenn.—Wesley House.

MISS BESSIE ALLEN, HEAD RESIDENT; MISS ANNIE ALFORD, MISS
LAWLER CLENDENIN.

For two months, June and July, all work was suspended, and the House was without a resident worker, and in September we had an entirely new corps of workers; even the servants were new. By the 10th of the month the work was thoroughly organized, everything running smoothly, and you would never have known any change had been effected. The demands upon our time and our opportunities for service have been larger than ever before. Our House has been headquarters for women's war work in our district. We have had a home nursing and hygiene class, two canning clubs, and a home demonstration club taught by a government demonstrator. We have organized a knitting unit in our Mothers' Club and the Fourteenth Ward of the Woman's Council of Defense. In it we have conducted the registration of women, sold liberty bonds, helped in a campaign for Red Cross members, sold stamps for child welfare, etc. We have also organized our Junior boys into a Home Defense League, in which they have a drill once a week, and have a fine class in stenography and type-writing.

We gave Christmas cheer to more than six hundred. Our Mothers' Club knit socks and contributed other good things and sent nineteen Christmas boxes to our soldier boys from the Fourteenth Ward.

The kindergarten earned the money and placed a beautiful cement curb around our front yard.

The majority of our clubs are self-supporting. We coöperate with Carroll Street and Fillmore Street Churches, having Sunday school classes, assisting in revival and missionary work of the Churches, and I also assisted with a Bible class at Humphreys Street on Sunday afternoons for several months.

Miss Alford says:

"Never was I happier than when the appointments were wired from the Council meeting in New Orleans back to the Training School in Kansas City and the report said: 'Miss Alford to Wesley House, Nashville.' I arrived in Nashville August 14 and immediately began to adjust myself to the daily routine of Wesley House life. I was delighted to find that I would have the girls' and young women's department. I very soon began visiting, wishing if possible to meet every girl in her home before enrolling her in class or club. I found the mothers kind and appreciative and the children wishing we would hurry up and begin the fall work at the Wesley House.

"We opened the sewing school the second week in September, when scores of bright-faced girls were in for enrollment. This is the largest department of my work. We have an enrollment of one hundred and thirty girls and fifteen volunteer helpers. Other classes and clubs were then organized, including two classes in domestic science, chorus class, expression class, Young Woman's Guild (to which we serve hot supper once a month), Little Mothers' Club, basket ball team, and a Girls' Service Club. The Service Club is composed of adolescent girls who are enthusiastically working for the Red Cross under a trained director, making surgical dressings and knitting wash cloths and sweaters. The rules of the club also embody physical, mental, and spiritual development, in which the girls are very much interested. We are earnestly praying that as we work together they will get a vision of Him who was willing to spend his life in humble service to humanity. Each day has had new duties and opportunities, and in the effort to meet them there have come new joy and inspiration from Him who said: 'Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.'"

Miss Clendenin says:

"It has been my pleasure since September 1 to be numbered among the workers of the Wesley House. I feel that it is a privilege to live in this house and be a coworker with consecrated women.

"My special work is the kindergarten. I also have charge of the story hour and assist with the Mothers' Club. We have a beautiful kindergarten room, and every day from nine to twelve the children are as busy as can be making attractive gifts to take home and learning games and songs.

"We have celebrated eight birthdays in the kindergarten room, each child contributing something for refreshments. So thoroughly do they enjoy these parties that one little boy said he would like to have a birthday every day. They were given a party at Halloween and Thanksgiving and had a beautiful Christmas tree. Eight children were graduated and given diplomas. One of the children who graduated last year was a guest at our Christmas tree, and when the other children received their gifts he wept and said he wanted to come back to kindergarten. Both parents and children have been very much interested and seem to appreciate what is being done for them. Our story hour has a large enrollment, and the children have been attentive listeners to the stories told by the entertainers each week."

New Orleans, La.—Mary Werlein Mission.

DEACONESS ALETHA GRAHAM.

Mary Werlein is a small mission in a large industrial section of the city. Many large manufacturing plants are within a few blocks, while numerous small factories, shops, stores, and stables jostle each other for room. The mission itself is snugly wedged in beside a most noisy boiler factory. Five saloons flourish within one block. The people, of various nationalities and of predominantly Catholic religion, live over, behind, and beside these shops, saloons, and stables in rambling tenements. Most of them are poor, many destitute, and the moral and spiritual condition is alarming.

There being a flourishing social settlement near, our aim is to minister to the religious and spiritual side of the community life.

Gospel services on Sunday and Friday nights are fairly well attended. The Sunday school enrolls sixty members. A Junior League cares for the young people on Sunday afternoons. A Senior League, small but faithful, meets regularly and enjoys an occasional social in the mission parlors.

The mothers are enthusiastic and happy in their weekly meetings and recently have organized a missionary society of sixteen members. One mother who had been reared a Catholic, but who had not attended any kind of religious service for two years, found such joy in hearing the sermons and reading her Bible that she gave her heart to Christ and united with our Church. Many of the mothers say the mission is the only place they go, and they call our simple little parlor "our pretty room."

I have had my first experience in receiving missionary boxes. They are fine. The groceries, canned fruit, etc., enabled us to send Christmas baskets and often tide a family over an "eatless" day. One splendid box, so thoughtfully packed, came on Wednesday before Thanksgiving and enabled us to have a really fine Thanksgiving dinner for the mothers at the mission. Their surprise and genuine expressions of appreciation would certainly have repaid those who sent the box. These mothers are so needy and so appreciative that it is a great joy to work with them.

But with the amount of work that could and should be done in this white harvest field, the little that is being done is distressing.

Richmond, Va.—Methodist Institute.

DEACONESS HELEN GARDNER, DEACONESS SELDEN E. BRYAN.

Another year of splendid attendance in our clubs and classes inspires us to believe that the Methodist Institute counts for much to the people of our community. In the daily visiting in the homes of these people much has been accomplished in gaining their friendship and confidence and helping them on to a better way of living. We have noted with joy the great changes in many, many homes because the father and husband can no longer visit the saloon. We feel that we cannot thank God enough for this great victory that has come to Virginia and has blessed these people with comfort and peace in the place of curses and misery.

Our girls' and young women's department has grown steadily in numbers and interest. The work with them is done mostly through Camp Fire groups. Last spring these groups united in giving a Camp Fire play and raised enough money for a lovely two weeks' outing in the mountains. This was greatly enjoyed and proved beneficial in many ways.

Because of lack of workers, our boys' department is not as well organized as the girls', but at our closing exercises in the spring we were proud of the splendid exhibit that the younger boys gave of the hand-work done during the year. Hammocks, baskets, mats, and toy furniture were some of the results of their labors.

While our Mothers' Club has not grown in numbers over last year, it has grown in a spirit of service and spiritual interest. Most of the members of this club are women who work in the factories and take care of their homes at night. It has been the privilege of this club to raise a sum each year for one of our free hospitals. Hitherto this has been done by the women making and selling different commodities; but this year, when we were doubtful as to the sum being raised at all, the entire amount was given by a freewill offering from these women. We are proud of this fact and believe it counts for much in our effort to raise these people from the state of pauperism into which so many had gotten.

Our Christmas festivities were less pretentious this year than usual, but, nevertheless, thoroughly enjoyed by the entire community. Our chapel was prettily decorated in holly, cedar, and white drapery, and on Christmas Eve the Camp Fire Girls had a very sweet service of Christmas stories and Christmas carols. Later the women of the Mothers' Club gathered and also enjoyed a fitting service for the ushering in of the Christmas season. "Keeping the King's birthday" was the motto for the week, and He to whom gifts were due was not forgotten, for the women and children gave as a white gift a neat little sum for the Armenian sufferers; and we believe we learned how true it is that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." Christmas Day was one of peace and comfort to many of our families because of the generous giving by many of our friends who played Santa to the children and mothers with toys and baskets of provisions for the Christmas dinner. About fifty of these baskets were sent.

Deaconess Selden Bryan reports:

"The clubs and classes among the children have grown greatly during the year. The sewing school has increased about twenty-five per cent. At our closing exercises in June we promoted from the primary class twenty, fifteen from the junior class, eleven from the doll clothes class, and had eleven seniors to graduate. This year we have about twenty in each of the lower classes, twenty-four in the doll clothes class, and fourteen seniors. I have put in a new class this term just for the sake of giving the children more practice. We call it the cradle class. The children make the mattress, pillow, and coverings (two sheets, a quilt, a counterpane, and a pillowcase) for a small cradle about a foot long. It is hard work to keep enough volunteer teachers, but the faithfulness of the many who do help is indeed gratifying.

"Children's hour on Sunday afternoon has been a great pleasure and has met with success. The most popular Sundays were those on which we had stereopticon pictures and a program with home talent. How these children love to put on costumes and be in things! Once a month we had the pictures, and once a month we had a children's program. As to the other two Sundays, we had a good story-teller for one and a minister for the other. From forty to sixty children attended every Sunday. On Christmas Sunday the children brought in white gifts for the Armenian sufferers. The white envelopes had been given out before and a talk made on the suffering of the mothers and children of Armenia. The gift was small, but it was giving instead of receiving, and that was a step forward.

"At a Christmas party for the children on Christmas Eve there were

about a hundred and fifty children present. They sang with joy the Christmas songs and listened eagerly to a Christmas story. Santa visited each one with a box of good things, and they all went away very happy.

"We have had between forty and fifty Bluebirds during 1917. The youngest group sang the whole year through, while they learned to make fires, set tables, wash dishes, and all that little home makers must know. The middle group molded clay, made baskets of reed and raffia, and sewed, and the oldest Bluebirds learned to cook the simple dishes that they have in their homes. All the groups earned feathers for their suits."

San Francisco, Cal.—Wesley House.

REV. STANLEY HAVER, PASTOR; MISS FLORENCE WHITESIDE, DEACONESS;
MISS NELSON WRIGHT, INDUSTRIAL TEACHER.

It has been a year of change. We were a year finding a successor to Rev. T. E. Reeve to take up the work of pastor and superintendent. We have suffered the loss of Miss Mattie Wright as an active worker because of sickness. Some features of work have been reorganized and others added. All departments are steadily growing despite the severe conditions of war and strikes. Largely through the organization of the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts and the loyal coöperation of the Woman's Club we have been enabled to hold our work well in hand, and our people are eagerly looking forward to its enlargement in the coming year.

The industrial department has done much for our boys and girls and offers a strong attraction to our Sunday school and Sabbath meetings.

Miss Wright reports:

"During the year just ended we have had five sewing classes, the ages of the girls ranging from five to fourteen years, one club composed of six boys who did splendid work, and a music class which is very popular.

"We have organized a troop of Girl Scouts of eleven girls, who are intensely interested and are absorbing the fundamental principles of the organization. Christmas morning they went to the City Hospital with gifts of dolls, scrapbooks, and fruit for the children there.

"One of our best accomplishments was a vacation camp, 'Camp Linger Longer,' conducted during June and July. The Woman's Club by a series of entertainments paid the rent for two cottages in a beautiful redwood grove in Marin County. Thirty-six children and ten grown persons spent from three days to eight weeks in the camp. Each paid her share of the expense. A Woman's Club member, an Iceland woman, was engaged as housekeeper. Careful management enabled us to charge only \$3 per week for children and \$5 for grown people. We are constantly realizing good results from this close association with the children and their parents. Quite a number, including a family of four, have come into the Sunday school as a result of the camp."

A great cause for encouragement is the Woman's Club. Miss Whiteside reports it as follows:

"Soon after my arrival in September I was welcomed by the Woman's Club, which met in joint session with the City Mission Board. That meeting was one of great inspiration. Resolutions were adopted by our women assuring the Board of their willingness to coöperate in making the Wesley House a community center of genuine helpfulness and agreeing to raise funds to finish and equip the clubroom for women

and girls in the proposed new building. A few weeks afterwards the club celebrated its first anniversary, and the history of the year's work since organization proved that these women are capable of fulfilling their promises. Embodying in a small membership a Frenchwoman, an Englishwoman, a Scot, an Icclander, an Austrian, a Dane, two Germans, a Mexican, an old-fashioned Southerner with the blood of Pocahontas in her veins, Yankees, Southerners, Westerners, presided over by a Swiss-Italian, who is the wife of a Polish Jew, this group works together harmoniously toward the accomplishment of whatever it undertakes.

"The second annual bazaar was a real success, the proceeds swelling the club's bank account to a total of \$162. Seven dollars was appropriated to our Sunday school Christmas entertainment.

"I have conducted a story hour for the children each Sunday afternoon and in other ways have come in personal touch with them and gained access into their homes. Some time has been given to visiting, with special emphasis upon the Sunday school and the religious services. Four members have been secured for the Home Department and one for the Cradle Roll."

About seventy-five persons have been ministered to in our gospel service. We have carried the gospel to a large number of homes, where we have held prayers. They are largely non-Church members without the gospel. A few are Catholics. One dear woman on being asked to pray for our meeting expressed her inability to pray except by the Catholic printed prayer, but promised to do this for our meeting. We have not hitherto emphasized our work as a Church, but our people are now beginning to refer to the place as "our church."

Our Sunday school had the best report for its size of any in the Conference. The average attendance for the year was thirty-five, and the average collection per Sunday was \$2.07, the only one in the Conference to give to other causes more than it used for its own maintenance. We gave \$56 and supported ourselves on \$54. One family of six moved into our neighborhood because "the children were so eager to come to the Wesley House." We presented a beautiful pageant as our Christmas program, which should put to shame the cheap theaters of our community. We gave over twenty dollars to our poor neighbors at Christmas.

The Wesley House is well represented in basket ball. Our gymnasium is very popular. Our Boy Scout Troop have taken their share in the war service campaigns. Recently the Chief Scout executive of this city conducted one of our merchants and a major in the army on a tour of inspection of the different Troops of the city, including our own. It happened that the party arrived in our neighborhood just as a street fight was in progress. The striking contrast between the order and discipline within our garage-gymnasium, with the boys lined up ready for inspection, and the riot and confusion among the numerous other boys outside on the streets caused our visitors to state that it was the finest argument in favor of the efficiency of the Boy Scouts they had yet witnessed.

Our people are not the very poor, hence poverty is not the chief problem; but everywhere we are surrounded with broken homes, the exploitation of child life, and the wreck of sacred institutions which only Christ can restore. We rejoice in the knowledge that we have a vision of the need, and we have a power sufficient for every need.

REPORTS OF COÖPERATIVE HOMES.**Corinth, Miss.—Young Woman's Coöperative Home.**

DEACONESS ADELINE PEEPLIES.

Life in a coöperative home is so full of opportunities for active service that it could never be thought of in connection with "Sleepy Hollow." The problems are as varied as the changing family—new ones coming, old ones going. The ideal of the Young Woman's Coöperative Home is that the young women who come to live there shall find in it a Christian home in the true sense of that word. We find some very sad problems among these girls, and in an effort to help them we learn to depend on God more than ever before.

Many of the young women are from rural homes; and as work on the farm is heavy and oftentimes uninteresting to them, they have sought employment in town, where the factory is always open for workers. The following occupations have been represented in our Home the past year: Stenographers, telephone operators, normal students, high-school students, and factory operatives.

Factory hours are long, and the work is quite monotonous; so it has been a labor of love to make home as inviting and comfortable as possible for the girls who work there.

It is gratifying to note a general air of improvement in the young women after they have lived in the Home for a while. Quite a number of them attend Sunday school regularly and work in the young people's societies.

As one form of recreation, we have given socials each quarter. I find that the piano is a very popular feature of the Home, as nearly all are fond of music.

The religious life of the Home is stimulated by daily worship, Sunday morning services, and monthly vespers. About ninety per cent of the girls attend these meetings and give most gratifying attention.

At the beginning of 1917 there were twenty-two girls in the Home. During the year we have admitted twenty-eight, making a total of fifty girls in the home during 1918. These girls represent various religious denominations.

May our Heavenly Father make his face to shine upon this work and help me in a small degree to help some of these girls to higher ideals and aspirations!

Houston, Tex.—Young Woman's Coöperative Home.DEACONESS ELLEN D. GAINEX, HEAD RESIDENT; MISS SUE E. COLE AND
MISS ANNA J. DAVIDSON, ASSISTANTS.

Had Tennyson lived in our Coöperative Home, "The Brook" might have been written thus: "Girls may come and girls may go, but I go on forever." For with the passing of the years the personnel of the Home changes many times, though always there are enough who stay on, year in and year out, to keep up the "family traditions." During 1917 our place has been home to one hundred and ten young women, while some ninety-odd have enjoyed its hospitality for periods ranging from one night to a week.

Economic and industrial conditions, the high cost of living, the war situation, bringing as it has thousands and thousands of the boys in khaki to our city, are all forces which have combined to make the work here intensely interesting this winter. There has never been a time when a place with the ideals of the Coöperative Home has been more needed in our city than now, and the resident workers feel the seriousness of their responsibility.

Four of our girls married and went into homes of their own this year. Some have evidenced their desire to become more efficient by attending night schools. We are glad to report that several have purchased a liberty bond each.

We have done some Red Cross work in the Home at night, a few of us have joined the "band of knitters," and all are cheerfully co-operating in our efforts to carry out the food conservation requirements of our food administrator. Thus the Coöperative Home tries to do its bit.

While the majority of the girls hold membership in some Church, the lack of a deep spiritual life among them is a grief to us. May we in charge so represent Christ that they may come to covet the "best gifts" of God! It has been my privilege to help in several all-day missionary meetings in the near-by towns. My Church work, as last year, is with First Church.

Miss Sue Cole, who came to us in September, has already won the love and confidence of the girls and is a most helpful assistant. She reigns as home dietitian, an office not to be lightly thought of, for to be a successful one in these times means that one must be a scientist, a financier, and an artist. Her Church home is with the McKee congregation, where she has a Sunday school class, a mission study class, and an office in the missionary society. She has also conducted a Bible class among the girls.

Miss Davidson gives invaluable service as office secretary.

Lexington, Ky.—Wesley House.

DEACONESS MARIA M. ELLIOTT, HEAD RESIDENT.

In spite of some very serious difficulties that beset the work in the early months of the year, in spite of prevailing hard times, in spite of the big task they had set for themselves, this plucky little band of women who compose the City Mission Board have reduced the debt on the building this year at the rate of one hundred dollars a month, besides the interest. To do this required hard work, persistent effort, and much sacrifice on their part; but their success gives them encouragement to believe that the whole debt will soon be wiped out. When that is done, we feel that the institution will be entirely self-supporting.

The house has been filled to its capacity frequently during the year and with a waiting list a good part of the time, a total of two hundred and thirteen having been entertained for a longer or shorter time.

The personnel of the girls in the Home has been markedly superior in character of late, presumably from the fact that these extraordinary conditions are calling out from the retirement of the home the better-educated class of girls and those who have not heretofore felt the call to join in the world's work. There is seemingly a decided increase in the number of young women taking the various business courses, and this is well in view of the fact that so many will be called in the near future to take the places made vacant by their brothers, who are called to the colors. It is to be hoped that with the increased demand for their services wages will be correspondingly increased here.

Some Red Cross activities have been carried on by the girls, such as knitting, making hospital garments, and assisting with surgical dressings at the headquarters. Quite a number of them are members of the Red Cross organization also, and some have bought liberty bonds and thrift stamps.

My own activities have not been confined to work in the Home. I have an interesting Sunday school class of sixteen intermediate girls,

have worked with the League in trying to conserve the young life of the Church, and have met regularly with all three of the Women's Missionary Societies of our Churches here. In one of them I conducted a Bible study class for several months, which was very interesting to me and was, I trust, profitable to all. On the whole, I am happy to report that "this has been a good year, Bishop."

Richmond, Va.—Wilson Coöperative Home.

DEACONESS IDA M. STEVENS.

The beginning of the year found me with the position of Church deaconess at the First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, Ark. The first of September I began work at the Wilson Coöperative Home for Girls, Richmond, Va. It has been a very new experience; for while girls have always been an interesting part of my Church work, this reminds me of intensive, the other of extensive, farming. I have not decided which I like best. Ten years of the one has rather biased my judgment.

The capacity of the Home is eighteen. We sometimes crowd in nineteen. During the year forty-nine girls have enjoyed the privilege of the Home for a longer or shorter period. The former superintendent is a sister beloved who did a great work in the Home, leaving every girl and the housekeeper a Christian. She not only left her impress on the lives of all with whom she came in contact, but the house has been kept in beautiful order, comfortably furnished, and a good cook and housekeeper installed.

The present high cost of living meets one at every turn, so a very large amount of nerve and heart and mind energy has been given to making ends at least come near together, if not meet.

The girls all work in near-by factories except one, who attends a business college. We expect every one who is not sick to attend Sunday school and church at her own church on Sunday mornings. Our little band represents five denominations—Methodists, Baptists, Congregationalists, Episcopalians, and Roman Catholics. We have a brief service on Sunday mornings at the breakfast table, in which all take part, and a Bible lesson Friday night, at which all are required to be present.

For recreation we give a social every month, and the Camp Fire Girls from the Methodist Institute, with young men friends of all the girls, are usually invited. These parties are sometimes very elaborate, sometimes very simple. The funds for refreshments are provided by some organization of one of the Methodist Churches of the city.

There is scarcely a week that one or more girls are not at home sick for a few days, and one had a slight operation. So I hunt up doctors, visit hospitals, go with girls to dentists, prescribe for slight ailments, make mustard plasters, prepare and carry trays, meet new girls at trains, go shopping with inexperienced ones, find positions, collect wages when girls leave unexpectedly, answer telephones and doorbells, hunt up credentials, learn how to play new games, see that certain necessary rules are not broken all to pieces, make up menus, see that Mr. Hoover's wishes are respected as far as waste is concerned, go to market and wholesale houses, wrestle with the coal and wood dealers, grocer, butcher, milk and bread men, keep the cook in good humor, try to set an example of patience and Christian forbearance for the housekeeper, wash dishes if the cook is sick, chaperon half a dozen who receive regular company (three of our girls have married recently), dictate and hear spelling lessons for the business college student, and the girls who attend night school have repeatedly brought

examples to be worked, but we never get to read them through before two or three interruptions warn them that they cannot afford the time to wait until I am free. Then there is a discouraged one who must be inspired with new hope, another I must give backbone to so she will dismiss a suitor whom she has found unworthy. I also teach a class in the Sunday school of Trinity Church and help at the Mothers' Club and sewing school of the Methodist Institute when I am needed. I have had the pleasure of speaking for our work on two occasions and of making several other talks.

Our Coöperative Home has a very warm place in the hearts of the men and women of our Methodist Church in Richmond, and very generous and substantial gifts gladdened us at the Christmas season. During the early part of the year, when I was pastor's assistant, I made five hundred and sixty-one calls and a great many business visits since coming to Richmond.

San Francisco, Cal.—Mary Elizabeth Inn.

DEACONESS ETHEL JACKSON, HEAD RESIDENT; DEACONESS MARY DANIEL,
FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

"True Christian ministry is the science of serving one another in fellowship and coöperation, according to that great minister, Jesus Christ." To do that to the more than two hundred young women with whom we have lived, labored, and loved has been no easy task. There has been much of daily routine, much that seems commonplace. The year has not been without its problems, problems peculiar to war time conditions.

The increased cost of living has necessitated a small raise in prices for board. At the same time the minimum wage law has been quite an advantage to our low-wage girls.

The social life of our young ladies has been a big problem and called for larger plans and more careful chaperonage. In trying to meet our obligation and share our home privileges with our boys in uniform, we have made the Sunday dinner hour our special feature, inviting from ten to twelve each Sunday.

Considerable attention was given to the Red Cross interests. Our Red Cross Honor Roll shows more than fifty paid memberships.

A large class in home care of the sick was organized in the early spring, twenty-five receiving their Red Cross diplomas. Later another class in first aid did equally as well. We organized a Mary Elizabeth Inn Auxiliary for knitting and making hospital garments. This auxiliary sent quite a large contribution of homemade jellies and jams to the base hospital. Quite a number of New Testaments were given to the boys. A prayer roll containing the names of many brothers, friends, and sweethearts hangs in our vesper room.

The religious interests have not been all we coveted, but enough to call forth our thanksgiving. Vespers are well attended, the young ladies often taking part or leading in our absence. Many interesting visitors have brought us stirring messages from time to time.

The capacity of the Home has been taxed to the limit the entire year, and yet we almost forget the big family safely and happily housed when we remember the more than seven hundred who came seeking to find a home with us and we were forced to say: "No room in the inn." Even though we have had to turn away so many young women because of lack of space, we have been able to minister to the girl leaving us for New York, Chicago, and even far-away China by recommending safe boarding houses and giving names of friends among missionaries who might befriend in times of loneliness or

homesickness. The fact that we have been compelled to turn away so many young women because of lack of space should stir the women of our Church to make larger provision for those who are out in the work world.

I long to see the time when we may have a chain of such homes in this great wicked city, "Inns of the loving heart," as the girls are wont to call them.

Deaconess Daniel reports:

"When the light of publicity is turned on social conditions in a great wicked city like San Francisco, though we believed ourselves alert to dangers surrounding the young working girl, we are aroused to the need of even greater vigilance and more far-reaching plans for the safeguarding of those under our care. The recent vice campaign in our city revealed such appalling conditions that every one really interested in the conservation of high ideals and standards of young womanhood were spurred to more earnest activity. We feel that to this end our institution has not failed to do its part. And so we believe the social need of our home ranks second to none, to meet which parties, dinner groups, and observance of special days have relieved the monotony of the daily routine, bringing joy not only to the members of our own household, but to many young men as well. Especially unique were two wiener roast parties given on the beach, where coffee was made and wieners were roasted and served by the light of the driftwood fire.

"Thanksgiving and Christmas were our big days, affording an opportunity to magnify Him who is the Head of our home. A number of guests sat with us around the Thanksgiving table, beautiful with its decorations of golden fruit and flowers.

"A group of singers ushered in Christmas Day quite early with the glad strains of 'Hark! the herald angels sing.' And though there were tears of joy over the beauty of the carol, there were none shed for any other cause; for all day long there were surprises and real Christmas joy in the Inn. The day came to a close with a quiet vesper service, with its thought of 'white gifts for the King.'

"Early in the spring a friend gave to the Inn a victrola, which has been an unending source of pleasure.

"This year many girls have left to make homes of their own. We only pray that the ideal of a true Christian home, to which we strive to have the Inn measure up, may have taken such a hold of their hearts while with us that they will be satisfied with nothing less of their own making.

"And so the days have come and gone, some brimful of joy, others bringing anxious, perplexed moments; yet it has been a blessed privilege to have spent one more year helping to make a real home for these little sisters of ours."

Waco, Tex.—Rebecca Sparks Coöperative Home.

DEACONESS LILLIE BLACK, HEAD RESIDENT.

If our house had been larger, we would have had during the year as many as one hundred. However, seventy-eight names have been enrolled in our family. Some have stayed one or two days or weeks, but to each one we have tried to make the atmosphere of the Home so sweet that they might be blessed by being here.

Surely no place more than the Coöperative Home has felt the effect of advanced prices; but not until September 1 was the price of board advanced to \$3.50 per week, and still a few, on account of the very small wages that they receive, are paying three dollars per week.

Notwithstanding, we have been able to make about three hundred dollars' worth of improvements, which have added much to the comfort of the Home. Liberal donations of quilts, linens, and canned goods have been received from the districts and from Churches of Waco, which have been a great help.

A very sweet spirit of mutual helpfulness pervades the Home all the time. Very few fail to appreciate the real mission of the Home.

There have been some very happy social gatherings to which the young men have been invited, the last being a Christmas tree party. Ten soldiers were among our guests, and they said they had never had a more pleasant evening. One little soldier boy nineteen years of age says that he has never felt so at home at any place as here. He likes to come as often as he can, and if he can't find one of the girls to talk to he hunts up the deaconess. It has been a great joy and privilege to work with these soldiers that God has sent into our Home.

The girls have been glad to do Red Cross sewing one evening of each week, and some have learned to knit. Sometimes one reads, while others work.

The factory where I have gone on Wednesday at noon for a little prayer service has more than doubled its working force, thus giving an opportunity to reach more.

I am just watching and waiting and praying to be ready to meet every opportunity of service that God presents.

REPORTS OF CHURCH DEACONESSES.

Asheville, N. C.—Central Church.

DEACONESS RENA MURPHY.

The work of Central Church has been carried on during the year of 1917 successfully and well under the direction of our beloved pastor, the late Dr. Charles W. Byrd, whose sudden death on January 3 was a great shock to all who knew him. He was a power for righteousness not only in the Church, but in the city and State. His great heart of love and compassion won for him a place in the heart of every member of his congregation, and each one feels that in his going he sustains a keen personal loss. The future of Central Church looks dark just at this time, but we have faith to believe that God will provide a shepherd for his sheep. I feel that the privilege of having one year of work with this great, good man has been a benediction to my life, and because of it I shall be able to serve my Master more efficiently in the future.

The Church is well organized in every department. The missionary societies have done better work this year than ever before. The Woman's Missionary Society supports a missionary in China, Miss Frances Burkhead, who is now at home on a furlough. We greatly enjoyed her visit to us in the fall, at which time she told in her own winning and attractive way of the wonderful work being accomplished among the women of China. This society will take up Red Cross work during the coming year in connection with their mission study class. The Business Women's Circle of the Church has done unusually good work. One night out of each week a Red Cross bandage class is conducted under the auspices of this circle, and it has been given the credit of making the best bandages of any other group in the city. I have assisted in the work of every department of the Church, the regular visiting among the members, visited the sick and strangers,

kept up the records of the Church, and assisted the pastor in every possible way. It has been my great privilege to have a Bible class with the women of the Buncombe County Detention Home on Thursday of each week. We have been making a systematic study of the Bible, and it is very encouraging to see how much they have gotten from the study, and I feel that many of them have been saved to lives of usefulness.

The Church did more than ever before in giving to those less fortunate at the Christmas season this year. Lovely Christmas baskets were given to a number of families, and to the sick strangers on our calling list we gave potted plants, which brought smiles of appreciation from those who naturally would be thinking of home at this season. It has been our privilege to be of much assistance in helping to furnish fuel to those who would have suffered from the severe winter weather.

The work this year has been a joy. There have been many avenues of usefulness opened up to us at this time, when our nation is in such a turmoil. I pray that I may be useful to my country this year and that our Master may use me wherever my life may count for the most for the advancement of his cause and kingdom.

Baltimore, Md.—St. John's Emmanuel Church.

DEACONESS CORNELIA GODBEY.

The past year has been for me an unusual one, since the first half was spent in First Church, Memphis, Tenn., and the last four months with St. John's Emmanuel Church, Baltimore, Md. In these two places the character of the work has been altogether different, so that I find myself at a loss to know how and what to report. In the former Church my time was spent, as it has been during the past six years, in visiting the sick, the poor, the shut-ins, and others who needed my attention in any way, and in doing any other work which naturally falls to the worker in a large city Church. In Baltimore the work was new and untried, and my time has been largely given to making a canvass of the neighborhood about the church and in making an effort to open up some sort of settlement work in the community in connection with the Church.

During the summer I had the great privilege of spending a month at Northfield, Mass., attending the summer conferences. These conferences were a great blessing to me, and their influence remains with me.

Beaumont, Tex.—First Methodist Church.

DEACONESS ELIZA ILES.

In May I came to Beaumont, Tex., as Church deaconess for a modern down-town Church of thirteen hundred members. This membership is quite cosmopolitan, consisting of the rich, the well-to-do, and the poor, also the learned and the unlearned. Along with these characteristics is the usual Texas spirit. They never do things by halves, but respond most generously in every way. The Church is well organized. I have some part in every organization. A great number of young people here are only waiting, it seems, for a call to service. Many strangers are coming to the town, due to the shipbuilding industry and other activities. It is my privilege to assist the pastor in finding these strangers and making them a part of our Church. We have had seventy-five accessions since Dr. Goddard, the present pastor, came, the first of December.

I organized a sewing school among the foreign children, Italians

and Syrians. The sewing school, however, has evolved into a Red Cross unit, and the children are knitting and making pillows, etc., for the soldiers. The mothers too are becoming interested. Some of the children are now attending our Sunday school and church.

I am chairman of the social service work of the Church and follow up the cases that naturally come to a Church of this type. Then I also take part in the jail, hospital, and negro work. I am assisting the pastor of another Methodist Church here in one of his mission Churches. Altogether I suspect I am doing just what the average Church deaconess does. I have made 1,050 visits this year, including 112 visits to the sick, attended 316 meetings and addressed 85, taught 35 Sunday school lessons, placed one child in an orphanage, and led seven persons to our Lord. I find the deepest satisfaction in this work and am indeed grateful for my appointment. Each appointment given seems to have been a preparation for the next.

My earnest desire is to make our Lord real to those whom I serve and to have a part in making our Church a great spiritual force and center for this city.

Birmingham, Ala.—First Methodist Church.

DEACONESS MARGARET RAGLAND.

Another year of coöperative service in the myriad activities of a big, busy city Church! In addition to the usual work of the Sunday school, the Epworth League, and the missionary societies, there has been the new interest of Red Cross work. In this I have taken active part, serving on a membership committee and giving one day each week to the making of hospital garments, working with a unit composed of members of our missionary society. I have also interested several old ladies in knitting for the soldiers, thus bringing anew to them the zest of useful service, of which the infirmities of age had apparently deprived them. Their eager enthusiasm for the opportunity has been touching and refreshing. Truly to serve is to live.

During the year I have dispensed \$756.57 in relief work. While in many instances material relief has been the first need, my aim has been to make this a constructive work rather than the mere doling out of a pitiful temporary relief. Two girls have been assisted to take helpful, practical training, and several worthy persons have been given assistance to meet the emergencies of disaster, sickness, and death. With visiting, duties in the church office, attending and taking part in the many meetings and organized activities of the Church, my time has been fully occupied, and there has come the satisfaction of seeing many enter into fuller understanding of Christian living through service in his name.

May we be faithful to the opportunities of the coming year!

Bristol, Tenn.—State Street Church.

DEACONESS JENNIE DUCKER.

This is the fourth time that I have been called upon to give an account of my stewardship at State Street Church. Aside from the organized activities of the Church for which she is responsible and for which she must plan and work, the Church deaconess has no schedule of work, but responds to calls at any hour.

Touching scores of homes that have no connection whatever with our Church, the homes of strangers, the poor, the sick, and the homes from which our soldiers have gone, our ministrations have been varied and numerous.

The underlying motive, regardless of the nature of the service rendered, has been to reveal quietly and persistently the power of Jesus Christ to save and comfort them.

This has been a very delightful year because of the marked gain we see along all lines.

Chattanooga, Tenn.

DEACONESS ELIZABETH TAYLOR.

The past year has been a busy, therefore a happy, year. Centenary Church, under the efficient leadership of Dr. E. E. Wiley, is well organized, the several departments coöperating in all efforts for the extension of the kingdom.

In the early spring, owing to an almost unprecedented rise of the river, thousands of people were homeless for a period of ten days. The Churches of the city coöperated with the city and the relief committees. Centenary cared for a building that housed from three hundred to four hundred negroes and fifty white people. I was placed in charge during the day, superintending the feeding of the people and the sanitation of the building. I afterwards aided in the general relief work, for many of the people lost their entire household effects.

Then came garden time, and I was glad to have my training class coöperate with the senior and the intermediate departments of the Sunday school in their garden enterprise, which proved fairly successful.

The Young People's Missionary Society secured the use of an unused school building and grounds. Classes in sewing were conducted for the girls and a garden enterprised with the boys. I assisted with the sewing classes and directed the boys with their work. The enterprise proved so successful that we are planning a similar work for the spring.

With the assistance of the social service department of the missionary society, I conducted a mothers' meeting and sewing circle in the same building. It is situated near the poorest community in the city and is known as "Hell's Half Acre," not because of depravity or the vicious character of the people, but because of their ignorance, poverty, and the housing conditions of the entire section. Our Sunday school furnished a Christmas tree for the children, and a number of families were provided with Christmas cheer by the classes of the intermediate department.

I have been a member of the Red Cross since its organization in the city, but have been able to give only half a day in the workrooms occasionally.

Centenary Church has coöperated with every movement for the welfare of the thirty thousand soldiers stationed at Fort Oglethorpe. Early in the fall we adopted Y. M. C. A. Camp 28, which serves the seventeenth and fifty-third regiments. It has been my pleasure to work on the committees from the missionary society in this connection, even though it required much time.

The above seem to have been incidents in the day's routine of assisting in the general work of the Church, leading in the relief of the several departments, looking up absent pupils, seeking out strangers, visiting the sick, comforting the sorrowing, and calling on the membership of the Church, more than once acting the part of the good Samaritan in the name of the Church, always with the confidence and coöperation of the leaders—busy days, but days blessed by the leadership of the Master, who supplied "every need according to his riches in Christ Jesus."

Hillsboro, N. C.

DEACONESS DAISY DUNCAN.

My work during the past seven months here has consisted largely in visiting among the people of the two cotton mills. Occasionally we have a patient who is seriously ill, but no surgery is done here in the home. All cases requiring major or minor surgery are taken to Durham or some other near-by town.

After school opened I began two sewing classes a week in the mill school and also a large first-aid class. Physiology is not taught in the school, so that this weekly class gives the pupils all they get of such instruction.

We began in November a biweekly crochet class, which meets on Saturdays when the girls are out of the mills.

Our Sunday school has an average attendance of thirty-five. I teach the adult class.

We had a Children's Day and a Thanksgiving Day program each. On Christmas night we had an interesting time. Thirty-eight children were heard in songs and recitations, and the church was full of attentive, appreciative people. No toys were given, but at the close of the program each member of the school received a package containing fruit and raisins.

Through the generosity of two of the millmen we had the pleasure of playing Santa to six needy families.

Houston, Tex.—St. Paul's Church.

DEACONESS GRACE ROWLAND.

I have been at St. Paul's only since September and can make a report for only four months. More and more, however, I am convinced that there is wonderful opportunity in the work of a Church deaconess. I have been making every effort to know the congregation and the "ins and outs" of the work of the Church and in just what places my time and efforts were most needed.

The mornings are given almost entirely to the office and the afternoons to visiting and to meetings of various kinds. I have been deeply interested in the fact that people in all walks of life are hungry for spiritual companionship, and this is largely the ministry of a deaconess in a residential Church.

I have a class of boys in the Sunday school, which is an entirely new but interesting experience. I am social service superintendent in the Golden Links Missionary Society and work among the young people in the League.

It is a great thing to be a part of a Church which seeks first the salvation of souls, and scarcely a service passes that some one is not brought into closer fellowship with the Lord.

With the work in St. Paul's it is my delight to do all that I can in and for the Mexican Mission. I have a class of young women in the Sunday school, attend the Church service, and do all that I can to keep the American Churches interested.

Jonesboro, Ark.

MISS BESSIE BUNN, PASTOR'S ASSISTANT.

It gives me great pleasure to join other Christian workers in reporting work done in my field for the brief period of six and a half months which has elapsed since I came to my first appointment, First Methodist Church, Jonesboro, Ark. The first Sunday was marked by a

heavy rainfall; but the faithful few found their way to the Master's house, and the welcome they gave me was all that one could wish to make a stranger feel at home.

A revival was in progress at Huntington Avenue Church. Upon request of the pastor of that Church, I organized a personal workers' class among the young people.

I realized that I must get acquainted with the good people of Jonesboro the very first thing; and though they had given me a reception in order to get acquainted, the rain had interfered with quite a number coming out. Hence I felt the urgent need of visiting every spare moment, much to the inconvenience of some of my members, I fear. Cautioned on every hand to conserve food, the desire to be patriotic by canning everything in the canning line and sewing for the Red Cross did not leave the housewives any too much time to entertain visitors, especially if they chanced to go in the morning, which was the most pleasant time. I often explained that for no other purpose in the world, save for the Master's work, would I dare take up their valuable time. In spite of all adverse conditions, I managed to make 1,277 visits, including Church members, sick, strangers, and others.

In September, at the church, I opened a sewing class for the children. While we have enrolled more than twenty-five, the attendance has been rather irregular. The interest of some is very marked, making it a pleasure to teach them. Sometimes, when the weather permits, I take some of the class to sing for some of the elderly ladies, who can't get out. The children enjoy doing this.

I have been in Sunday school working as Assistant Superintendent of Junior Department. On account of the superintendent having so many outside duties, she has intrusted me with the management of that department, lending her advice and help when necessary. It is our plan to hold two teachers' meetings each month.

Our Christmas entertainment consisted of a tree with gifts for each child and a short program.

Both the adult and young people have had mission study classes. The women have been studying "An African Trail," and for the last meeting we gave a general review of the book, assigning each chapter to two ladies, giving them the privilege of presenting it in the most interesting way. Special charts were prepared, and a miniature African village was set up.

Supervising the collection of funds in our Church for the United Charities has been assigned to me. The earnestness with which the eleven women appointed on this committee have performed their duties has kept it from being irksome, and every month the contribution from our Church has excelled that of any other Church in the city.

Of course our Church had to do its part in training the people to conserve food according to government regulations and, as Chairman of the Food Administration Committee, I divided the membership into districts, appointing a captain over each district, giving each captain a list of members and cards on which reports were to be made each week for nine weeks. As a rule, the people were glad to coöperate in conserving the food, but somewhat negligent about sending in reports.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Trinity Church.

DEACONESS EMMA BURTON.

While I have participated in almost all the work of the Church, my chief work has been the social service work and visiting in the

interest of the Church. As my thoughts turn back over the record, there is a feeling of sadness and regret for the opportunities that are gone and the knowledge that they are forever gone. There is also a feeling of joy that I have been counted worthy of being a colaborer with the Master for the extension of his kingdom.

Through our Social Service Department we have an Employment Bureau, and an effort is made to bring the employer and employee together. During the year two hundred and three different persons have applied for positions, and one hundred and fifteen different persons have offered positions. Due to the fact, however, that my time must be divided between that of visiting and looking after the Social Service Department, only seventy-six were put in touch in time to get a place; but this has been well worth the effort. The delightful climate brings many people to Los Angeles, both in search of health and pleasure; so many lives are touched, and many opportunities are offered for service. We have a reading and rest room open daily on the second floor, where many of our Church papers are kept on file for the benefit of our visitors, and the best books on missions, social service, Sunday school work, and the spiritual life are to be found.

The Sunday program at Trinity is a strenuous one. Our Sunday school is thoroughly organized, and each has its own opening exercises in the smaller auditoriums. We had a "giving Christmas," and many well-filled baskets were sent to our Homer Toberman Mission, where there are so many needy families. In addition to this, gifts of money were brought for the support of our special work in China, and at the same time a drive was on for the Red Cross work. We were happy to find that the amounts were almost equally divided between the three. The average attendance at our preaching service is about eighteen hundred, the congregation being equally as large in the evening as in the morning. Every Sunday brings many visitors from different cities and States, all anxious to attend a service in this great church. At three o'clock there is a concert, which is equally as well attended. At four-thirty the parlors are thrown open for a pleasant Sunday afternoon, where our people are invited to come and spend an informal time together; strangers and lonely people are especially invited. Different committees are responsible for the serving of light refreshments. This has proved to be very pleasant and is well attended.

In addition to the morning service for the adults, there is at the same time a service for the juniors. They have their own separate organization, with a board of stewards, orchestra, preacher, and a sermon that they can understand. We have a nursery, where the baby may be kept while the mother enjoys the sermon, with the assurance that the little one is being well cared for. So Trinity is, indeed, a Church for the whole family.

Following the Billy Sunday meeting, which lasted two months, we have been very busy visiting the people whose names were given to Trinity, and many an opportunity has been offered, not only to try to bring souls to Christ, but to build up souls in Christ. In the past two months we have taken exactly one hundred people into the Church.

The Church, through its various organized activities, is more and more engaged in Christian social service, and much has been done to carry the message of Christ to those not reached through the usual channels of Church endeavor.

Trinity is not satisfied, however, with the work being done, but looks forward to a wider sphere of service, as there is a desire not only to extend its influence to the "uttermost parts of the earth," but also to do more effectual witnessing in Los Angeles.

Memphis, Tenn.—First Church.

MRS. GRACE M. DRIVER, PASTOR'S ASSISTANT.

Nearly five months have passed since I took up my work as helper in this great Church. I have loved these genuine people since the morning I arrived and received from pastor and people a most hearty welcome. My time during these months has been spent in visitation and in trying to acquaint myself with the different activities of the Church. All departments, including the wonderful Sunday school, Leagues, and societies, are thoroughly organized and splendidly equipped with competent and loyal workers.

My work, for the most part, has been on the outside, visiting members, old and new, the sick and "shut-ins," and ministering to the needs of the poor. More than six hundred visits have been made in homes and institutions. As many as one hundred and twenty-five meetings have been attended; special part taken in sixteen. The sum of \$109.75 has passed through my hands for the relief of the poor. Clothing and thanksgiving and Christmas baskets were distributed.

As I have ministered to the needs of the poor in a material way, I have sought to minister to all in the deeper, more vital things of life. I have gone in the name and for the sake of the Master. I pray that I may keep self out of the way and let him use me to his glory. At the close of to-day I am saying: "Lord, if I may, I'll serve another day."

Raleigh, N. C.—Edenton Street Church.

DEACONESS JENNIE WILLIAMS.

I came to Raleigh on July 1, eager to take up again the deaconess work. I have found, as I expected to find, a cordial people, a well-organized Church, and a city of many interests.

Edenton Street Church has an enrollment of over one thousand members. A large part of my time has been given to visiting the membership, seeking out the strangers, cheering the sick and shut-ins.

The Sunday school building is modern and well equipped. Each department has its own room, meeting together only on special days. A very helpful feature of our Sunday school work is the Workers' Council, which meets once a month for supper, after which a program relating to Sunday school problems is given, followed by a round-table discussion.

In connection with the Sunday school I must mention my Sunday school class of thirty young ladies. We sent baskets to the needy at the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. As our special work for the coming year, we have decided to support a French baby, a war orphan, at the cost of ten cents per day.

The four missionary societies are doing a splendid work. The circles which are connected with the Woman's Society gave one thousand dollars to the support of the needy last year. The Mary Pescud Society, which was named for Miss Pescud, who was a missionary to Brazil for so many years, celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary in December. A special program was given, and two of the charter members, Miss Pescud and Miss Burkhead, spoke interestingly of their work in the foreign fields. The offering was applied to the support of our girl at Vashiti.

Another interesting feature of the work is the Junior Choir, which was organized last September with a membership of forty young ladies. Two beautiful programs have been given—one a "Patriotic Evening," at which the national anthems of the Allies, as well as our own familiar songs, were sung; the other was a Christmas program, the idea of

the "White Gift Service" being carried out. The fresh young voices of the girls added beauty and inspiration to the old Christmas hymns and carols.

St. Louis, Mo.—Centenary Church.

DEACONESS MABEL KENNEDY.

Each year brings with it a new and deeper thanksgiving that I have been permitted to serve God and the Church in the capacity of a Church deaconess. In spite of the many things which remain undone, there are many lives happier and more comfortable because of our humble ministry.

This Church is a wonderful organization. While Centenary is not carrying any institutional lines of work, we are in direct touch with those institutions that do and through coöperation get very good results, thus giving us more time for the religious training so essential to our community. The two Sunday schools are very well organized, and their social and religious life is a recognized charge of each teacher. Some classes are in the social rooms every night. The Epworth League also does a good work in every department.

I have visited more than sixteen hundred persons this year and received fully as many calls. Living in the church makes my home headquarters for the young women especially. All hours of the day and night you may find some one who has run in for advice or a social time.

Centenary is called upon to minister to many who are very poor. This work has been done in giving material relief, but far more in providing positions, better living conditions, and, more important still, in bringing them in touch with Jesus Christ. Sixty children were sent to the country during the summer. Christmas was made happier for three hundred children by personal gifts, picture shows, etc.

Ninety-two persons joined Centenary Church last year through my personal influence. I instructed a two weeks' class of sixty children who were received into the Church. This personal touch brings with it a great responsibility. Pray that I may not fail God in my ministry.

DEACONESS JOSEPHINE DREYER.

One more year's work for Jesus and one less of life on earth for me, but what a sweet and happy year it has been, so filled with new and rich experiences! The greater part of the year my work has been in the congested down-town district, where most of the people live in rooming houses and furnished rooms, hence a very transient population—new people and new problems to meet every day. The bringing of these people into the Church and the children into our Sunday school and putting them in touch with my Lord, caring for their physical needs, in the way of clothing, food, medical attention, and social life, comforting them in time of death, sorrow, and trouble, has been a real source of joy and comfort to my own soul.

Besides the work of this kind, I have served on a Case Committee for our organized charities, disposing of the city's chronic charity cases and family problems; also acting on various committees for the betterment of social conditions and religious effort. In short, I have had the privilege of doing almost everything that a twentieth-century woman can conceive of.

With the exception of a couple of new boys, I have had the joy of seeing all the boys in both of my Sunday school classes brought to Christ and into the Church. In all things I have found that his grace is sufficient, and I claim his promise to supply all my needs; so I go forward this new year to do a greater service for him than ever before.

Shreveport, La.—First Church.

DEACONESS GRACE GATEWOOD.

The lines of work followed by a Church deaconess are pretty much the same year after year. This year I have visited much in the homes of the members of the congregation. Since this is my third appointment here, I am beginning to feel that I "belong" here and that these people are my people. The Missionary Society was blessed by having Miss Annie Belle Williams, our missionary to Japan, visit us in April. One great forward step was made along financial lines when, finding that by the end of the year we were going to be over \$600 in debt, a systematic canvass was made of the women of the Church, and they gave \$900 instead of the smaller amount for which we had asked. The gifts ranged from twenty-five cents to fifty dollars and proved that the love of our women for the Missionary Society was purse and all. I have led them in Bible study and mission study this year. The Gleaners' Circle of young married women of the Church has done good work this year. My association with them has resulted in their interest in missionary work and workers being widened. They have given liberally to the French work in Houma, La. Our League is enthusiastic and has given much pleasure to many different people this year. For instance, we entertained the nurses and doctors at the Charity Hospital one evening. When our Superintendent of the Second Department left, that office also fell to me.

Through the Church as a whole more than twenty boxes of surgical supplies have been made for the Red Cross. The women of the Church meet in the parlors every Thursday and sew all day. Each soldier who went from this congregation was given a comfort kit, fully equipped, as a remembrance from the Church. We are trying to keep in touch through letters and cards with every boy under the colors from this congregation, and from their letters they seem to appreciate the interest. At Christmas time the class of young women that I teach secured the names of ten soldier boys who would have no one to remember them on Christmas and sent them each a nice box of homemade candies and cakes. Other classes remembered the patients at the Charity Hospital, and others set as their standard one thousand in attendance, and each class is doing its part to reach its quota. We are looking forward this New Year confidently, knowing that the joy of the Lord is our strength.

COÖPERATIVE WORK WITH OTHER BOARDS.

Albany, Ga.

MISS ELIZABETH HUGHES, MISSIONARY.

The splendid coöperation of the various Churches of our little city continues to make the work we attempt easier and more satisfactory. In the relief work particularly much better results are accomplished than would be possible otherwise. This was true throughout the year, and at Christmas especially were we impressed with its advantages. On this occasion a systematic effort was made to have every truly needy household of which we had knowledge—both white and black—remembered, not only with Christmas cheer, but in a substantial manner as well. The matter was brought before the Missionary Circle and other women's organizations of the different Churches, and it was clearly shown that by systematic grouping, each circle or guild taking a definite

group of cases, every one whom we had listed could be cared for in a satisfactory manner. The response from the ladies was beautiful, the plan worked admirably, and scores of homes where want and need are household words were remembered in a manner calculated to make glad the hearts of those who gave as well as those who received these needed gifts. Good substantial supplies, as well as Christmas "goodies," were provided in most cases, some of the "baskets" being valued as high as twenty-five dollars. With food at present prices, this meant much to numbers whose circumstances are always straitened.

One poor sick colored woman said: "That was the best Christmas basket I ever had. It had all that I could have asked for, and even a bell on top of it!" See how just a bit of thoughtfulness in the planning can add to the pleasure of the one receiving our gifts! To many a "shut-in," all of the "sunshine" which ever reaches them must come from an outside source. And if we truly do them good, we must give brightness as well as substantial gifts. As the weeks come and go, and year succeeds year here in Albany, in and out among the lowly ones of the city your worker comes and goes, trying to help in all ways possible and ever grateful for opportunities of service.

Macon, Ga.—South Georgia Conference Orphans' Home.

DEACONESS CONSTANCE PALMORE, MATRON OF JUNIOR GIRLS.

It is with a heart full of gratitude and love to God for all his goodness to me that I come with my report this year. God has blessed us in the cottage, for there wasn't a single case of serious illness among my girls during the year.

I have fifty girls under my care. Some have left the Home, having been adopted into good Christian homes, and others have reached the age when they go to the older girls' cottage. I have thirty-five girls now, of as many dispositions, to understand and mother. They get into trouble and do many things that are wrong, but always come and tell me about it and try to make it right. Fifteen of my girls joined the Church after a revival meeting that was held here in the summer. They were so anxious to get right with God that they told me of things they had done over a year before. Sometimes I think a real mother could not be more anxious about her children than I am about these.

We had Valentine and Halloween parties and other entertainments through the year. Sometimes we invite boys from the little boys' cottage and sometimes the older girls. The children always help decorate and fix everything, then they feel that it is their party. The one season they look forward to and love is Christmas. This year we had our white gift box, and they put some of their pennies in it for the Red Cross work. We also had a white gift basket on Christmas Day.

I am still teaching my girls sewing and crocheting and housekeeping. We have very little regular class work, but they come to me as they would to their mother, and we sit around and sew and work together. They also come to me with hard problems that arise in school.

If even one of these girls that I love should give herself to God for special work, I would not feel that my work here was a failure. The words of Jesus, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me," are ever before me as I minister to these children.

PORTIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION, BOARD OF MISSIONS, M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, THAT BEAR ON THE WOMAN'S WORK.

ARTICLE I. The missionary operations of the Methodist Board. |
Episcopal Church, South, formerly administered under the
Board of Missions, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society,
and the Woman's Home Mission Society, shall hereafter be
administered by a Board of Missions, which shall have
charge of all foreign missions of the Church and of such
missions in the home field as are not provided for by the
Annual Conferences. The Board shall carry on its opera-
tions under two departments—namely, the Department of
Foreign Missions and the Department of Home Missions.

ART. II. Said Board shall consist of a President, Vice Officers and
Managers.
President, a General Secretary, four Secretaries (if neces-
sary) for the Department of Foreign Missions, four Secre-
taries (if necessary) for the Department of Home Missions,
four Educational Secretaries (if necessary), and thirty
Managers, of whom ten shall be preachers, ten laymen,
and ten women (one of whom shall be the President of
the Woman's Missionary Council); the bishops, the Treas-
urer of this Board, and an Assistant Treasurer (who
shall be a woman); the Corresponding Secretary of the
Board of Church Extension, Corresponding Secretary of the
Epworth League Board, Secretary of the Sunday School
Board, and the President and General Secretary of the Lay-
men's Missionary Movement shall be *ex officio* members.
Said Board shall be elected quadrennially by the General
Conference as follows: The President, Vice President, and
Managers on nomination of the Committee on Missions; the
General Secretary by ballot at the time of the election of
the other connectional officers; the members elected to con-
tinue in office until their successors are chosen. The Board
shall fill all vacancies that may occur. The Secretaries for
Foreign Missions, the Secretaries for Home Missions, the
Educational Secretaries, the Treasurer, and Assistant Treas-
urer shall be elected quadrennially by the incoming Board,
the women on the nomination of the Woman's Missionary
Council. The officers and members shall continue in office
until their successors are elected.

ART. III. The Board shall be located in the city of Nash- Location.
ville, Tenn.; but its annual meeting may be held in such
place and at such time as the Board shall determine.

ART. IV. The Board shall have authority to regulate its Authority.
own proceedings; to appropriate money to defray current
expenses; to establish missions; to build churches and
residences for missionaries and to build and maintain hos-
pitals and schools; to select and publish books and other
suitable literature for its work at home and abroad; to
aid in the establishment and support of training schools
for Christian workers, for native converts and preachers,
and to cooperate with other Churches in the establish-
ment and support of such schools wherever it may be prac-
ticable; to make provision for the missionary education of

the Church; to provide for the support of superannuated missionaries and widows and orphans of missionaries who may not be provided for by any Annual Conference; to provide funds and to appropriate the same for the maintenance of all the work under its care. It shall annually pay to the Board superintending the Epworth Leagues, as a cultivation fund for the development of missionary liberality in the Epworth Leagues, a sum equal to ten per cent of the amounts contributed by the Epworth Leagues for missionary specials. It shall also publish annually a statement of its transactions, naming the missions supported by it and the amount appropriated and paid to each, and lay before the General Conference a report of its operations, including the location and value of property held by the Board.

General Secretary. ART. V. The General Secretary shall preside at a meeting of all the Secretaries of the Board to be held monthly for the consideration of the interests under their care. He shall supervise the inauguration of new policies and negotiations looking to coöperation with other denominations and shall look after the legal and other general business of the Board. He shall have oversight of the affairs of the Board in all its departments and shall be responsible to the Board for the execution of its policies.

Foreign Department and Duty of Secretaries. ART. VI. The Department of Foreign Missions shall administer all the missions of the Church in foreign lands and the funds appropriated for the same and shall supervise the work of the foreign missionaries on the field, who shall be subject to appointment by the bishop in charge. This work shall be directed by the Secretaries for the Department of Foreign Missions.

Home Department and Duty of Secretaries. ART. VII. (a) The Department of Home Missions shall administer the home mission enterprises of the Church; provided the Annual Conference Boards shall have charge of all the missions they may establish and provide for within their bounds. Candidates for mission work under this department shall be accepted by the Committee on Candidates on the basis of candidates for foreign work as to fitness and tenure of service. When accepted, such candidates shall be nominated for appointment to the bishop in charge of the Conference in which they are to work; provided, further, that this paragraph shall not be construed as forbidding Annual Conference Boards of Missions employing other than such candidates. The office and work of deaconess shall be under the direction of this department—Woman's Work. The work of this department shall be directed by the Secretaries for the Department of Home Missions. (b) The office of deaconess is hereby authorized. A deaconess shall be a single woman or a widow not less than twenty-three years of age nor more than fifty when accepted for service. She must be a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. She must be in good standing and must have shown a fitness for this work by active service in some line of Christian work. She must have good health and must have had a high-school education and two years of college work or its equivalent. No person shall be consecrated to the office of a deaconess without having successfully completed the prescribed course of study in an accredited Bible-training school and having

served a probation of two years of continuous service. She shall be recommended for service by the Quarterly Conference. She shall wear the uniform prescribed by the Council. The duties of the deaconess shall be to engage in Christian social service, and, relinquishing all other pursuits, she shall devote herself to such work as the Church may determine. When engaged in this voluntary service, support shall be provided, covering a monthly stipend and living expenses. Necessary regulations for effectuating the foregoing provisions shall be prescribed by the Woman's Missionary Council. No vow of life service shall be exacted of a deaconess, but any one applying for a recommendation from a Quarterly Conference shall have considered this step carefully and shall believe herself called of God to this work. A deaconess desiring to retire from the work shall be permitted to do so at the close of the term of her appointment, when she shall surrender her certificate and cease to wear the uniform. If found unsuited to the work and calling of the deaconess, she shall be retired and her certificate revoked by the Woman's Missionary Council.

ART. VIII. The Educational Secretaries shall provide suggestive plans and policies for the missionary education of the Church, with special reference to the Sunday school, the Epworth League, the schools and colleges of the Church, the Laymen's Missionary Movement, the Woman's Missionary Societies, and other agencies of the Church. Educational Secretaries.

ART. IX. The Secretaries shall reside in Nashville, Tenn. It shall be their duty to keep a permanent record of the proceedings of the Board and to publish an abstract of them in the Church papers; to conduct its correspondence; to attend to its legal business; to prepare the Annual Report and to publish monthly (either in a missionary paper or in the Church papers, as the Board shall direct) statements of the condition, needs, and prospects of the various missions; and to discharge such other duties as the Board may direct. The salaries of the Secretaries shall be fixed by the Board, and all their necessary traveling expenses shall be allowed. Residence and Salaries of Secretaries.

ART. X. The Secretaries of the Board, together with three members of the Board, one of whom shall be the President of the Woman's Missionary Council, shall be a Committee on Estimates, of which the General Secretary shall be chairman. This committee shall consider the work and needs of the different fields, mission stations, and enterprises at home and abroad, the number of persons to be employed in each, and the amount of money needed for the same and for the expenses of the Board, submitting a full report of the same to the Board for its adoption in annual session. Committee on Estimates.

ART. XI. The Board shall meet annually to determine what fields shall be occupied as missions, the number of persons to be employed in each, to estimate the amount that may be necessary for the support of the missions under its charge, and to apportion the same to the several Annual Conferences. Annual Meeting.

ART. XII. Eleven members shall constitute a quorum at an annual meeting of the Board and nine at a called meeting. Quorum.

Executive Committee. ART. XIII. There shall be an Executive Committee of the Board, consisting of nine members, three of whom shall be women, which shall meet quarterly and hear reports from the field, consider and decide all questions that may arise from time to time, excepting such questions as they may deem necessary to refer to the Board. This committee shall keep a record of all its proceedings, to be reviewed by the Board.

Missionaries. ART. XIV. The Board shall employ only effective missionaries for its work and shall require each one to make a quarterly report to the Secretaries concerning the state and prospects of the work in charge.

Sources of Revenue. ART. XV. The revenue of the Board shall be derived from apportionments to be distributed to the several Annual Conferences for collection in every congregation; from the Woman's Missionary Societies, provided that the funds raised by the Woman's Missionary Societies shall be appropriated to the work established by them or hereafter to be inaugurated under these provisions; from the Sunday school and Epworth League; from such other plans as may be adopted by the Board or congregations; from special collections by the Secretaries and the bishops; and from donations, annuities, and legacies.

Treasurer. ART. XVI. The Treasurer shall hold the funds in safe deposit in the name of the Board of Missions, subject to the drafts of one of the Secretaries designated by the Board, payable when countersigned by the Treasurer. He shall also furnish an annual report, to be published with that of the Secretaries, and perform such other duties as the Board shall direct. The salary of the Treasurer and of the Assistant Treasurer shall be fixed by the Board, and each shall give bond to the Board in such sum and upon such conditions as the Board may fix. The accounts of the Board shall be examined at least annually by an expert accountant and a report of the same made to the Board.

Treasurer of Conference Board. ART. XXV. The Treasurer of the Conference Board of Missions shall give bond in such sum as the Board may require, said bond to be approved by the executive officers of the Board. He shall transmit to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions on the first day of each month all the moneys he may have on hand for foreign missions, including amounts contributed by the Sunday schools, a separate account of which shall be kept. His accounts shall be audited annually by a committee appointed by the Annual Conference Board. The Annual Conference Treasurers of the Woman's Missionary Societies shall transmit quarterly to the Assistant Treasurer of the Board of Missions all the moneys they may have on hand for the general missionary fund.

Duty of Presiding Elder. ART. XXVI. It shall be the duty of the presiding elder to preach on the subject of missions annually in each charge in the district; to see that efficient and well-defined plans be adopted for the missionary education of the Church and for raising missionary funds; to conduct with his preachers a missionary institute early in the Conference year; to see that they hold missionary mass meetings; and to encourage the organization and foster the work of Woman's Missionary Societies.

ART. XXVII. It shall be the duty of the preacher in charge to preach frequently on the subject of missions, to organize a Missionary Committee, and to hold missionary mass meetings annually in every church in his charge; to see that a canvass is made of every member early in the Conference year for a missionary contribution; to see that a missionary committee is appointed in each Sunday school, that one Sunday in the month is observed as Missionary Day, that the entire missionary offering of the Sunday school goes to the Board of Missions, and that this offering shall be designated, forwarded, and reported as expressly directed in Paragraph 264 of the Discipline; to see that each League holds a monthly meeting and studies the subject of missions; to circulate missionary literature and to seek in every way the education and inspiration of his people concerning the evangelization of the world, and to see that Woman's Missionary Societies are organized in every Church where at all practicable.

Duty of
Preacher
in Charge.

ART. XXVIII. The women of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, are hereby authorized to organize and conduct missionary societies among women and children in the Annual Conferences and in the Churches in the interest of home and foreign missions. These societies shall promote missionary intelligence and activity and secure missionary funds by means of membership dues, life and honorary membership fees, from devises, annuities, bequests, voluntary offerings, and collections at meetings appointed in behalf of the society.

Authoriza-
tion for
Woman's
Work.

ART. XXIX. There shall be a delegated body to be known as the Woman's Missionary Council. It shall be composed of a President, one or more Vice Presidents, two or more Secretaries, a Treasurer, Superintendents of Bureaus, the Corresponding Secretary or alternate, and the President or alternate of the Woman's Missionary Society of each Annual Conference Society, and the President and Secretary of the Deaconess Workers' Conference. The Secretaries of the Board of Missions, both men and women, the Assistant Treasurer, and the women who are members of the Board of Missions shall be *ex officio* members of the Woman's Missionary Council.

Woman's
Missionary
Council.

The Council shall hold annual meetings to hear reports from the fields, home and foreign, and from the societies; to consider the fields, lines of work, the various enterprises and the amounts needed for the same, and make recommendations to the Board of Missions through the Committee on Estimates, to be considered with other estimates of the Board for final determination, and to consecrate the women who have been accepted for service. It shall make recommendations to the Board of Missions for employment and support of deaconesses.

The Council shall enact its own by-laws and provide a constitution and by-laws for the Conference and auxiliary societies, all of which shall be in harmony with the constitution of the Board of Missions. The Council shall plan to enlarge the membership of the societies, to increase the income from them, and to further the work of missionary education among women and children.

At its annual session preceding the General Conference

the Council shall elect its officers by ballot, without nomination, and in the same way shall be authorized to choose the women who are to be nominated as officers and members of the Board of Missions, as provided for in Article II.

All property hereafter acquired by the Woman's Missionary Society through devises, bequests, annuities, gifts, or purchase shall be held by the Board of Missions for the use and benefit of Woman's Work.

BY-LAWS OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL.

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| President. | 1. The President shall preside at the session and actively advance the interests of the Woman's Missionary Council. |
| Vice President. | 2. The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President. She shall actively promote the interests of the Woman's Missionary Council. |
| Administrative Secretaries. | 3. The Administrative Secretaries of the Home and Foreign Work of the Council shall execute the will of the Council in the administration of the affairs of their respective departments. They shall furnish the officers and members of the Council all needed information concerning workers and institutions. They shall acquaint themselves with the conditions, needs, and opportunities of mission fields, which they shall publish for the information of the Church. They shall sign all orders on the treasury and attend to the legal business of their respective departments. |
| Educational Secretary. | 4. The Educational Secretary shall provide suggestive plans and policies for the missionary education of the Church through the Woman's Missionary Society. She shall supervise mission study and Bible study and give attention to the missionary education of students in Church and State schools and shall promote missionary education through institutes and summer conferences. She shall supervise the publication of leaflets and special literature ordered by the Council and direct the publicity work for the dissemination of missionary information. |
| Treasurer. | 5. The Treasurer shall hold the funds of the Council in safe deposit made by her, as Treasurer, subject to authenticated drafts. She shall publish quarterly and annual reports. |
| Officers of Board of Missions. | 6. The Administrative Secretaries of Home and Foreign Work and the Educational Secretary shall be nominated as Secretaries of the Board of Missions, and the Treasurer shall be nominated as the Assistant Treasurer of the Board of Missions. |
| Secretary of the Home Base. | 7. The Secretary of the Home Base shall conduct the correspondence with the members of the Council; she shall receive from the Conference Secretaries reports of their work, a summary of which shall be published quarterly and annually. She shall maintain a depository of missionary and religious literature and shall superintend the distribution of all literature and supplies necessary for the work of the Conference. She shall promote Christian stewardship, and she shall, with the Administrative and Educational Secretaries, plan for itineraries and for conference and special meetings. She shall in every way practicable strengthen the Home Base. |
| | 8. The Superintendent of Young People's Work shall de- |

velop and direct the work of the young people. She shall publish quarterly and annual reports.

9. The Superintendent of Children's Work shall develop and direct the work of the children. She shall publish quarterly and annual reports.

10. The Administrative, Educational, and Home Base Secretaries and the Treasurer shall hold monthly conferences for the purpose of correlating the interests of the various departments and for the consideration of the work under their care. Monthly Conferences.

11. There shall be one or more Field Secretaries, who shall advance the interests of the work by travel and as otherwise directed by the Council. They shall, by correspondence with the Secretary of the Home Base, keep her informed as to conditions in the field. Field Secretaries.

12. The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all sessions of the Council and shall keep the journal of the sessions in permanent record, the same to be signed by the President. She shall also give notice of the mid-year meeting of the Executive Committee and send an abstract of its proceedings to absent members. She shall prepare a condensed report of the called sessions of the Council and of the Executive Committee, to be presented to the annual session of the Council. Recording Secretary.

13. The ten women nominated by the Council to be the ten women managers of the Board of Missions shall be members of the Executive Committee of the Council. They shall extend the work by attending Conference, district, and other meetings when practicable and shall seek to advance the interests of the work in every way possible. Managers.

14. There shall be a Bureau of Social Service for the purpose of stimulating and directing the study and investigation of social questions and of bringing about social reforms in home and foreign fields. This Bureau shall be under the direction of a Superintendent, and she shall send a summary of her quarterly report to the Secretary of the Home Base. Bureau of Social Service.

15. There shall be a Bureau of Supplies for the purpose of sending boxes and needed supplies to ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to institutions in both home and foreign fields under the direction of the Council, to the Missionary Training Schools, and to the institutions supported by Conference Societies. This Bureau shall be in charge of a Superintendent. She shall report quarterly to the Secretary of the Home Base. Bureau of Supplies.

16. Bureaus may be created when new lines of work develop which shall require special supervision. Additional Bureaus.

17. When vacancies among officers, managers, or superintendents of bureaus or standing committees occur during the year, they shall be filled by the Executive Committee until the next annual session of the Council. Supply of Vacancies.

18. (1) The Executive Committee of the Council shall consist of its officers, managers, and superintendents of bureaus, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum. This committee shall hold a mid-year meeting to review the work of the year, to prepare for the annual session of the Council, and to attend to any other necessary business. Executive Committee.

(2) The business of the Council in the interim of the annual session shall be conducted by the members of the Ex-

Executive Committee resident in Nashville, five of whom shall constitute a quorum. This meeting may be called by the President or any Secretary.

Estimates
and Ex-
penses.

19. (1) The Council in annual session shall appropriate money for the maintenance of its work in all fields, for the expense of administration, and for a contingent fund. These appropriations shall be recommended to the Board of Missions.

(2) Appropriations for one year shall not exceed the income of the previous year from all sources except annuities, bequests, devises, and the sale of property.

(3) The necessary expenses of the Executive Committee of the Council and the traveling expenses of officers, managers, superintendents of bureaus, candidates, returned missionaries, and speakers at the annual session of the Council shall be met from the treasury.

Extra Ses-
sions of
Council.

20. Extra sessions of the Council may be called upon the written request of seven officers or of twenty-seven members at large. This request must be in the hands of the President and Recording Secretary at least fifteen days before the meeting.

Restrictions.

21. (1) No new work shall be projected and no money outside of the contingent fund shall be appropriated except at the annual session of the Council.

(2) No persons shall solicit gifts for an object not authorized by the Council.

22. STANDING COMMITTEES.

(1) There shall be such standing committees as shall be found necessary for the conduct of the business of the Council.

(2) The standing committees shall serve during the quadrennium. Each committee shall elect its own chairman.

(3) The chairman of a standing committee may hold one called meeting annually, the expenses of which shall be met from the treasury of the Council.

Committee on Educational Institutions.

(1) There shall be a Standing Committee on Educational Institutions of nine members, who shall be the President, the Administrative Secretaries of Foreign and Home Work, three members from the Executive Committee of the Council, and three from the Council at large.

(2) It shall be the duty of this committee to become familiar with the educational work of both departments and to report the same to the Council in annual session.

(3) *Foreign Work.*—This committee shall require the principal of each school to send quarterly reports and an annual report, including the course of study, the names of textbooks, the name, salary, nationality, and religious faith of each teacher in the school, the rank of the school, the registration, the recognition of the government under which it is established, the compliance with the government requirements, the grade of equipment, and a statistical and financial statement.

(4) *Home Work.*—(a) Some members of the committee shall, if possible, visit the schools in the home field and become acquainted with their conduct and management. (b) This committee shall recommend to the Council in annual session the superintendent or principal of each school

and the number of teachers necessary for each. The principal of each school shall submit to this committee the credentials of the faculty for indorsement and appointment.

Committee on Itineration.

(1) There shall be a Standing Committee on Itineration, which shall consist of the Corresponding Secretaries, the Secretary of the Home Base, and the Educational and Field Secretaries.

(2) It shall be the duty of this committee to act upon applications for helpers received by the Secretary of the Home Base.

Committee on Applicants for Scholarships.

(1) The Committee on Applicants for Scholarships shall consist of five members, who shall be the Administrative Secretaries of Foreign and Home Work, one representative from each of the training schools, and a member of the Council resident in Nashville.

(2) An applicant for a scholarship must present her papers to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference in which she lives. If the applicant measures up to the standard required by the Council, her papers shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the department to which application is made. These papers shall be referred to the committee.

(3) It shall be the duty of this committee to examine the papers of applicants for scholarships. The applicant must meet fully the educational requirements of the Council and the physical requirements of the Board of Medical Advisers before being recommended to the principals of the training schools for entrance.

Committee on Candidates for Deaconess and Missionary Work.

(1) There shall be a Committee on Candidates for Deaconess and Missionary Work, who shall be the President, the two Administrative Secretaries, and four members from the Woman's Missionary Council.

(2) It shall be the duty of this committee to act upon applications from deaconesses and foreign and home missionary candidates. If, in the judgment of the committee, the candidates reach the physical, educational, and spiritual standards adopted by the Council, their papers shall be referred, with recommendations, to the Committee on Missionary Candidates appointed by the Board of Missions.

(3) If this committee approves their acceptance, the Committee on Candidates for Deaconess and Missionary Work shall arrange for their consecration.

(4) This committee and seven additional members from the Council at large shall constitute the Sessions Committee for the annual meeting of the Council.

Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions.

(1) The Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions shall consist of the President, the two Administrative Secretaries, and eleven members from the Council.

(2) It shall be the duty of this committee to act upon applications for deaconesses and home missionaries and arrange for annual appointments in annual session and any *ad interim* transfers of deaconesses and home missionaries.

(3) Applications for deaconesses and home missionaries

or for change of workers shall be submitted to this committee through the Administrative Secretary of the Home Work.

(4) Quarterly reports from the deaconesses and home missionaries and from city mission boards and other agencies employing deaconesses and home missionaries shall be kept on file in the office of the Administrative Secretary of Home Work.

(5) This committee shall make a full report of the deaconess work at the annual session of the Woman's Missionary Council, which shall be incorporated in the printed report of the Council.

(6) It shall be the duty of this committee to take such oversight of this department as will insure the proper location of mission houses or homes, the class of work to be done in them, the expenditure of funds, to encourage or restrain expansion, and to aid in devising ways and means for raising funds.

(7) It shall be the duty of this committee to investigate the conditions and needs of cities where there are no city boards of missions and where conditions are encouraging. The same shall be reported to the Council in annual session or Executive Committee meeting. If authorized, the committee shall aid in the organization of a city board and the establishment of a mission on a safe basis.

Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

(1) There shall be a Committee on Constitution and By-Laws of seven members.

(2) To this committee shall be sent, not later than sixty days before the annual session of the Council, all proposed amendments to any constitution or by-law made by the Council. A complete list of these proposed amendments, together with the recommendations of the committee, shall be sent to the members of the Council before its annual session.

Committee on Literature.

(1) There shall be a Standing Committee on Literature of thirteen members.

(2) It shall be the duty of this committee to plan the yearbooks, leaflets, and other literature ordered by the Council and to assist in their preparation.

(3) The amount and character of the general supply of literature shall be determined by the Committee on Literature at an annual *ad interim* meeting. The Secretaries, in conference with the Chairman of the Committee on Literature, shall determine the literature needed for their work in the interim.

Committee on Estimates.

(1) There shall be two Standing Committees on Estimates, one for the Home Work and one for the Foreign Work. Each committee shall consist of five members: the President, the Administrative Secretary, the Treasurer, and two members from the Executive Committee resident in Nashville.

(2) It shall be the duty of these committees to receive estimates from the fields through the Administrative Secretaries and prepare them for presentation to the Council in annual session.

Committee on Laws.

(1) There shall be a Committee on Laws of three members.

(2) It shall be the duty of this committee to watch all proposed legislation and to call attention to any overlapping, conflicting, and unnecessary legislation.

(3) It shall be the further duty of this committee to prepare for use under the proper headings in the Annual Report a copy of all Standing Rules.

23. SESSION COMMITTEES.

(1) The work of the Woman's Missionary Council in annual session shall be conducted by Session Committees appointed by the Executive Committee.

(2) Each Session Committee shall elect its own chairman and secretary.

(3) Council Secretaries shall present their work and recommendations to the Session Committees. No Council Secretary shall act as chairman of a Session Committee.

24. SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Such special or *ad interim* committees as may be deemed necessary may be ordered by the Council in annual session. The chairman of a standing or *ad interim* committee may hold one called meeting annually, the expenses to be met from the treasury of the Council.

25. AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

The By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual session.

No change which was not submitted to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws sixty days before the session shall be voted on at that session.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES, ADULT, YOUNG PEOPLE'S, AND CHILDREN'S AUXILIARIES.

CONSTITUTION FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

1. In each Annual Conference there shall be organized a Conference Society auxiliary to the Woman's Missionary Council.

2. The object of this society is to plan and direct the woman's missionary work of the Conference.

3. The Conference Society shall consist of one or more delegates from each auxiliary, a District Secretary from each district, any officer or manager of the Woman's Missionary Council residing within the bounds of the Conference, and the following officers: A President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and Superintendents of Study and Publicity, of Social Service, and of Supplies. These officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual session and shall constitute the Executive Committee. The President and the Corresponding Secretary shall be members of the Woman's Missionary Council.

BY-LAWS FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

1. The Executive Committee shall transact business in the interim of the annual sessions. Five shall constitute a quorum.

2. Conference officers shall be nominated and elected by ballot.

3. The District Secretaries shall be nominated by a committee composed of the President, the Vice Presidents, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Treasurer, and shall be elected by acclamation.

4. Two members of the Executive Committee of the Conference shall be elected at each annual session as alternates to the Woman's Missionary Council. Alternates from Missionary Societies in foreign fields shall be elected from among missionaries at home on furlough.

5. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee and shall actively advance the interests of the work. She shall sign all orders on the treasury.

6. The Vice Presidents shall perform the duties of the President in her absence.

7. The First Vice President shall have charge of the young people's work and shall report quarterly to the First Vice President of the Woman's Missionary Council and to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society.

The Second Vice President shall have charge of the children's work and shall report quarterly to the Second Vice President of the Woman's Missionary Council and to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society.

8. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the society and supply the auxiliaries with information and with literature if so ordered by the Conference. She shall promote Christian stewardship and shall use all possible means for the organization of Adult, Young People's, and Children's Auxiliaries in every charge of the Conference, and shall report each new organization to the Secretary of the Home Base, to whom she shall also make quarterly reports of the work of the Conference by the fifteenth day of April, July, October, and January. She shall make an annual report to the Conference Society and report the preceding session of the Woman's Missionary Council. She shall sign all orders on the treasury.

9. The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee and keep the minutes of the same on record.

10. The Treasurer shall receive all funds of the society, keeping an account with each auxiliary and submitting the same annually to an auditor. She shall disburse the Conference expense funds on the written order of the President and the Corresponding Secretary. She shall make an annual report to the Conference Society and shall send itemized reports promptly on the fifteenth day of April, July, October, and January to the Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Council, therewith transmitting such funds as are collected for the general treasury. She shall also send an itemized statement to the Conference Corresponding Secretary and to the President.

11. The District Secretaries shall organize Adult, Young People's, and Children's Auxiliaries and use every available means to promote the work of the Woman's Missionary Society in their districts. They shall present a report of their work at the District Conference and shall hold annual meetings in the district and all-day meetings whenever practicable. They shall conduct the correspondence with auxiliaries and send a quarterly report to the Conference Corresponding Secretary and a copy of the same to the President of the Conference Society.

12. The Superintendent of Study and Publicity shall promote mission study and Bible study and shall disseminate missionary information through the Church and secular press. She shall report quarterly to the Educational Secretary.

13. The Superintendent of Social Service shall stimulate and direct the study and investigation of social questions. She shall report quarterly to the Council Secretary of Social Service.

14. The Superintendent of Supplies shall superintend the sending of boxes and needed supplies to ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and to institutions in the home and foreign fields under the direction of the Council. She shall report quarterly to the Council Superintendent of Supplies.

15. Conference Societies shall not project new work nor respond to special calls for aid unless authorized by the Woman's Missionary Council.

16. The membership funds of all auxiliary societies—Adult, Young People's, and Children's—also funds contributed to make life members, honorary life members, and honorary life patrons, are a part of the general fund, which cannot be directed by the Conference.

17. A Conference Expense Fund shall be provided by Conference assessment, the basis to be determined by each Conference according to the requirements. In no case shall membership dues or pledge funds be used for Conference expenses.

18. The thank offering during the Week of Prayer shall be applied to some specific object, to be determined each year by the Woman's Missionary Council in annual session.

19. The Conference Society may make such by-laws as the work demands, provided they do not conflict with those made by the Council.

20. The last half hour of each forenoon during the annual session of the Conference shall be devoted to Bible study.

ADULT AUXILIARIES.

CONSTITUTION.

Any number of women may form an Adult Society auxiliary to the Conference Woman's Missionary Society by adopting the following Constitution and By-Laws and electing the officers herein provided:

1. This society shall be called the Woman's Missionary Society of the — Church, auxiliary to — Conference Society of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The object of this auxiliary shall be to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God throughout the world by enlisting the women, young people, and children in a study of the needs of the world and in active missionary service; by raising funds for the evangelization of mission fields at home and abroad, for the maintenance of the institutions under the care of the Woman's Missionary Council, and for the betterment of civic and social conditions.

3. Any one may become a member of this auxiliary by giving prayer, service, and a contribution to the annual auxiliary budget.

The auxiliary shall assume the responsibility of payment of a budget, the total amount of which shall include annual dues of \$2.40 per member, a contribution to the Conference expense fund from each member, and to the Retirement and Relief Fund from each member, and a pledge from the auxiliary. The dues, pledge, and any other undirected funds shall be prorated by the Council, forty per cent for the home and sixty per cent for the foreign work. Opportunities shall be given for offerings to be directed by individual donors for the support of special work. These special offerings by individuals shall not be prorated.

4. Any one may become a life member of the auxiliary by the payment of twenty-five dollars, an honorary life member by the payment of one hundred dollars, and an honorary life patron by the payment of three hundred dollars, provided the money is paid for that special

purpose. It shall not be included in the pledge nor in any special assumed by individuals or that has been assigned to the auxiliary. Such membership should be considered as an honor and should not release the holders from the obligations of active membership.

5. A name may be placed on the memorial roll by the gift of twenty-five dollars for this specific purpose.

6. Every auxiliary member shall pay toward the Relief and Retirement Fund and the Conference Expense Fund.

7. The auxiliary shall carry on local work, which shall consist of the care of the parsonage and the charity work of the Church. This work may be done through a committee, the funds to be raised as the auxiliary directs.

8. The officers of the auxiliary shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, and Superintendents of Study and Publicity, of Social Service, and of Supplies. These officers shall constitute the Executive Committee of the auxiliary.

9. The auxiliary shall hold one or more meetings during the month for the transaction of business and for the study of the work. The first regular monthly meeting of the year shall be devoted to the consideration of plans and financial pledges for the new year and to the installation of officers. At the last business meeting of the fiscal year the annual election of officers shall be held.

BY-LAWS.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the auxiliary and shall actively advance its interests. In her absence one of the Vice Presidents shall assume her duties.

2. The First Vice President shall be responsible for the organization of the Young People's Auxiliary and shall develop and direct its work. She shall send reports when required by the First Vice President of the Conference.

The Second Vice President shall develop and direct the work of the children's auxiliary. She shall send a quarterly report to the Second Vice President of the Conference.

3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the auxiliary and shall promote Christian stewardship. She shall send to the District Secretary full reports by the first of January, April, July, and October. She shall also send to the District Secretary and Conference Corresponding Secretary the names and addresses of all newly elected officers of the auxiliary. She shall send her books to the district meeting for examination.

4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the regular and called meetings and see that each meeting is properly announced.

5. The Treasurer shall collect all moneys of the auxiliary, keep an account of the same, and make an itemized report monthly to the auxiliary. She shall remit to the Conference Treasurer on the first of January, April, July, and October, giving an itemized statement of the amount, a duplicate of the same to be furnished the Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited annually.

6. The Assistant Treasurer shall have charge of local funds. She shall make a monthly report to the auxiliary, and she shall furnish the Treasurer a quarterly statement to be included in her report. She shall pay out money from the local treasury only upon an order signed by both the President of the auxiliary and the chairman of the local committee.

The auxiliary as a society shall not assume obligation for the as-

sistance or support of outside organizations, such as orphanages, hospitals, travelers' aids, Y. W. C. A., etc.

7. The Superintendent of Study and Publicity shall be responsible for the organization of mission study and Bible study classes and prayer circles and for the dissemination of missionary information through the Church and secular press. She shall report quarterly to the Conference Superintendent of Study and Publicity.

8. The Superintendent of Social Service shall stimulate and direct the study and investigation of social questions and shall seek to bring about social reforms. She shall report quarterly to the Conference Superintendent of Social Service.

9. The Superintendent of Supplies shall superintend the sending of boxes and necessary supplies to ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and to institutions in the home and foreign fields under the direction of the Council. She shall report each box sent and its value to the Conference Superintendent of Supplies.

10. The Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Superintendents shall make written reports at the regular meetings.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S AUXILIARIES.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This auxiliary shall be called the Young People's Society of — Church, auxiliary to — Conference Society of the Woman's Missionary Council, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The object of this auxiliary shall be to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God throughout the world by enlisting the young people in active missionary service, by raising funds for the evangelization of mission fields at home and abroad, for the maintenance of the institutions under the care of the Woman's Missionary Council, and for the betterment of civic and social conditions.

3. Any one between the ages of fourteen and twenty-one may become a member of the auxiliary by giving regularly prayer, service, and a stated offering monthly or quarterly. Each member shall be asked to make an offering for the maintenance or extension of such objects of work in the home and foreign fields as are assigned to the young people by the Council. Such funds shall constitute the pledge of the auxiliary.

Membership funds and pledges shall be prorated by the Council Treasurer, forty per cent for the home and sixty per cent for the foreign work.

Each member shall be expected to contribute to the Retirement and Relief Fund and to the Conference Expense Fund.

4. Any one may become a life member of the auxiliary by the payment of fifteen dollars, provided the money be paid for that special purpose. It shall not be included in the pledge nor in any special assumed by individuals or that has been assigned to the auxiliary.

5. A name may be placed on the memorial fund by the gift of fifteen dollars for this specific purpose.

6. The officers of the auxiliary shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and the Superintendents of Study and Publicity, of Social Service, and of Supplies.

7. The auxiliary shall hold one or more meetings during the month for the transaction of business and for the study of the work. At the last meeting of the fiscal year there shall be the annual election of officers. At the following meeting there shall be a full report of the year's work, installation of officers, and consideration of plans for work and financial pledges for the new year.

BY-LAWS.

1. The President shall preside at the meeting of the auxiliary and shall in every way advance its interests. In the absence of the President one of the Vice Presidents shall preside.

2. The First Vice President shall keep in touch with the First Vice President of the Conference and shall report to her quarterly the full scope of the work.

The Second Vice President shall assist the Second Vice President of the Adult Auxiliary in superintending the Children's Auxiliary.

3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the auxiliary and shall promote Christian stewardship. She shall report the full scope of the work quarterly to the District Secretary, to whom she shall send the names and addresses of the newly elected officers.

4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the regular and called meetings and shall see that each meeting is properly announced.

5. The Treasurer shall collect all funds of the auxiliary, keeping a ledger account of the same, and remit to the Conference Treasurer on the first of January, April, July, and October.

6. The Superintendent of Study and Publicity shall be responsible for the organization of mission study and Bible study classes, for prayer circles, and for the dissemination of missionary information through the Church and secular press. She shall have charge of subscriptions to the *Missionary Voice* and the *Young Christian Worker*. She shall report quarterly on the first day of January, April, July, and October to the Conference Superintendent of Study and Publicity.

7. The Superintendent of Social Service shall have charge of social service studies issued by the Council. She shall cooperate in the social service movements of her Church and community. She shall report quarterly on the first day of January, April, July, and October to the Conference Superintendent of Social Service.

8. The Superintendent of Supplies shall superintend the packing and sending of boxes of supplies to institutions in the home and foreign fields under the direction of the Council. She shall report each box sent and its value to the Conference Superintendent of Supplies.

CHILDREN'S AUXILIARIES.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This auxiliary shall be called the Children's Society of — Church, auxiliary to — Conference Society of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The object of the auxiliary shall be to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God throughout the world by giving the children of the Church missionary education, training them for Christian service, and by cultivating in them habits of liberal and systematic giving and of daily Bible study and prayer.

3. The Children's Auxiliary shall consist of Baby and Junior Divisions, under the direction of the Second Vice President of the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary, whose work shall be correlated with that of the Conference Second Vice President. All membership, mite box, and other undirected funds shall be sent through the Conference Treasurer, to be prorated by the Council on the basis of forty per cent to home and sixty per cent to foreign work.

Baby Division.

1. Any child six years of age or under may become a member of the Baby Division upon the payment of an enrollment fee of twenty-

five cents. Each member of the Baby Division shall be given a certificate of membership and shall be furnished with a mite box for voluntary offerings. The mite boxes shall be opened and their contents sent quarterly by the Treasurer of the Junior Division to the Conference Treasurer. Where there is no Junior Division through which to report, the Second Vice President of the Adult Auxiliary shall send the money of the Baby Division to the Conference Treasurer.

2. Any one may become a life member of the Baby Division of the Children's Auxiliary by the payment of five dollars, provided the money be paid for that specific purpose. It shall not be included in the pledge nor in any special assumed by individuals or that has been assigned to the Baby Division of the Children's Auxiliary.

3. Names of children may be placed on the Memorial Roll by the gift of ten dollars.

4. Special meetings for the members of the Baby Division shall be arranged by the Second Vice President of the Adult Auxiliary, at which time inspirational programs shall be presented.

5. Members of the Baby Division, at the age of six years, shall be promoted to the Junior Division and shall be given certificates of promotion.

6. The Second Vice President of the Adult Auxiliary shall have charge of the Baby Division.

Junior Division.

1. Any child between the ages of six and fourteen may become a member of the Junior Division of the Children's Auxiliary by giving regularly prayer, service, and a stated monthly offering to missions. Each member of the Junior Division shall be furnished with a mite box for voluntary offerings. Mite boxes shall be opened quarterly, and the contents, with all other offerings, shall be sent to the Conference Treasurer.

2. Any one may become a life member of the Junior Division of the Children's Auxiliary by the payment of ten dollars, provided the money be paid for that special purpose. It shall not be included in the pledge nor in any special assumed by individuals or that has been assigned to the Junior Division of the Children's Auxiliary.

3. Names of children may be placed on the Memorial Roll by the gift of ten dollars.

4. The officers of the Junior Division shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and Superintendents of Study and Publicity and of Social Service. The officers, with the Second Vice President of the Adult Auxiliary, shall hold a meeting of the Committee of the Children's Auxiliary.

5. The Junior Division shall meet at least twice a month to transact necessary business and to follow the lines of study arranged by the Woman's Missionary Council, for which programs shall be furnished. At the close of each quarter the Second Vice President of the Adult Auxiliary shall hold a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Junior Division to see that the work of the quarter is correctly and promptly reported to the proper offices. At the last meeting of the fiscal year there shall be the election of officers. The first regular monthly meeting of the year shall be devoted to making plans and financial pledges for the new year's work.

BY-LAWS.

1. The President shall preside at the meeting of the auxiliary and in every way advance its interests. In the absence of the President one of the Vice Presidents shall preside.

2. The First Vice President shall assist in the work of the Baby Division. The Second Vice President shall be agent for the *Young Christian Worker*.

3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the auxiliary and promote Christian stewardship and shall report quarterly to the District Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary shall send the names and addresses of all newly elected officers to the District Secretary.

4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the regular and called meetings of the auxiliary and shall see that each meeting is properly announced.

5. The Treasurer shall collect all funds of the auxiliary, keeping a ledger account of the same, and shall remit to the Conference Treasurer quarterly. The Treasurer's books shall be audited annually.

6. The Superintendent of Study and Publicity shall assist in organizing and developing mission study and Bible study classes and shall send items of missionary news to the *Young Christian Worker* and local papers. She shall report quarterly the first day of January, April, July, and October to the Conference Superintendent of Study and Publicity.

7. The Superintendent of Social Service shall assist in carrying out such lines of social service study and activity as are sent out by the Council. She shall report quarterly on the first day of January, April, July, and October to the Conference Superintendent of Social Service.

STANDING RULES.

1. Standing committees shall meet for organization before leaving the place of meeting of the Council. Each committee shall have the right to make its own quorum, with the provision that the quorum of no committee be less than three. The actions of the quorum of each committee shall be submitted to all members of each committee.

2. The Woman's Department in each Church paper shall be edited by one woman only. She shall be selected by the President and Corresponding Secretary of the patronizing Conference.

3. Candidates who meet all requirements educationally and physically and who are recommended by the faculty as eligible shall receive appointment at the beginning instead of at the close of the senior year, contingent on the indorsement of the faculty, medical examiners, and Committee on Missionary Candidates at the close of the senior year.

4. Scholarships shall not be granted for home mission workers by Council or Conferences to young women who do not meet the educational requirements adopted by the Council.

5. In each Conference Society a committee of three, one of whom shall be the Corresponding Secretary, shall be elected to visit the home institutions within its boundary and coöperate with them for the advancement of their work.

6. No recommendations for action shall be placed in the body of the annual reports of the officers of the Council.

7. Each and every memorial or resolution referred to a session committee of the Council shall be listed and reported back to the Council in a committee report.

8. The Chairman of the Session Committee on Laws shall be given supervision of the preparation of a collection of the standing rules to be printed in each annual report of the Council.

9. A campaign for mission study shall be urged in October and special effort made to organize classes in every Adult, Young People's, and Children's Auxiliary.

10. One special leaflet on mission study shall be issued for use in connection with the prospectus in the campaign.

11. One leaflet shall be issued each quarter on the subject of Christian stewardship.

12. All manuals, booklets, helps, etc., ordered by the Committee on Literature shall be submitted to each member of the committee before going to print.

13. A yearbook of young people's programs shall be prepared annually by the Standing Committee on Literature and the First Vice President of the Council.

14. A yearbook of children's programs shall be prepared annually by the Standing Committee on Literature and the Second Vice President of the Council.

15. A yearbook of programs for adult auxiliaries shall be prepared annually by the Standing Committee on Literature and the Educational Secretary.

16. Monthly leaflets shall be issued for young people.

17. Monthly leaflets shall be issued for children.

18. Pledge cards shall be issued annually and shall be ready for the January meeting.

19. Bible studies for the Social Service Department shall be prepared each quarter.

20. One Handbook and one Yearbook shall be furnished free to the President of each auxiliary.

21. Two copies of the booklet "Helps" shall be furnished free of cost to each Adult, Young People's, or Children's Auxiliary.

22. The week beginning with the first Sunday in November shall be observed as a Week of Prayer.

23. Members of the Council at large shall give the pledges of the children separately from those of the adult and young people.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

1. Wherever there are as many as six young people in any Church a serious effort should be made to organize a Young People's Missionary Society.

2. All organizations must be reported under the name of Young People's Missionary Societies, even though they select for themselves a local name.

3. Our young people shall be urged and encouraged to send representatives to the various missionary assemblies for young people.

4. Good Friday shall be set apart as a day of special prayer for volunteers for both the home and foreign fields.

5. All Conferences shall adopt for their specials for young people those named by the Council from year to year.

6. Members of the Council at large, in giving pledges for their Conferences, shall give those of the young people separately from those of the Adult Society.

7. Every Conference shall be asked to make a place on its annual program for an inspirational address on "Young People's Missionary Work."

8. One afternoon of the Week of Prayer of the adult auxiliaries shall be given to the young people.

9. The offering given the afternoon devoted to the Young People's Work during the Week of Prayer shall go through the channel of the Young People's Society.

10. October shall be set apart as a special time for organizing mission study classes.

11. Pictorial leaflets shall be prepared setting forth the specials for young people.

12. Cards shall be printed for the use of Young People's Societies upon which they may state at the beginning of each year the amount of their membership offering and the amount to be given toward the pledges fixed by the Council.

13. One leaflet bearing exclusively on young people's work shall be published each quarter.

14. A leaflet on Christian Stewardship for Young People shall be prepared and distributed in time for the stewardship meeting in January.

15. The special for the young people for the ensuing year shall be made at each annual meeting of the Council.

16. Small numeral ribbon flyers shall be given each year to such young people's auxiliaries as attain the standard of excellence.

17. The work of the Young People's Missionary Society shall be emphasized in the district meetings by giving the young people and their work a place on the program.

CHILDREN'S WORK.

1. A Certificate of Honor shall be granted at the close of each fiscal year to each auxiliary that has attained the Roll of Honor.

2. One day of the Week of Prayer shall be made a special day of prayer for the children, and a special program shall be prepared to be used by the children.

3. The offering of the children on the Children's Day of the Week of Prayer shall go through the channels of the Children's Society.

4. Pictorial leaflets shall be prepared setting forth the specials for children.

5. Pledge cards designed especially for children shall be prepared and shall be ready for the January meetings.

RULES GOVERNING FOREIGN MISSIONARIES.

CANDIDATES.

The Woman's Missionary Council, seeking to systematize and standardize the work of missionary preparation, has adopted the following standard for candidates:

Requirements.

A candidate subject to appointment to the foreign field must be a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in good standing and must have shown fitness for this work by active service in some line of Church work. She must be a single woman not less than twenty-four nor more than thirty-five years of age.

Educational and Evangelistic.

Any candidate desiring to engage in educational or evangelistic missionary work in the foreign field under the Woman's Missionary Council, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, must be a diploma graduate of a State university or a Class A college, or a graduate of an accredited high school and a State normal. In either instance she must have two years of successful teaching experience before going to the field.

Kindergarten.

A kindergarten missionary candidate must be a graduate of an accredited high school or its equivalent and a diploma graduate of a standard kindergarten training school or college, after which she must have two years of successful teaching experience before going to the field.

A medical missionary candidate must be a diploma grad-Medical. uate of a medical college, after which she must have one year of practical internship or postgraduate work before going to the field.

A missionary nurse candidate must be a graduate of an Nurse. accredited high school, or its equivalent, and a diploma graduate of a standard hospital. She must have one year of practice before going to the field, and she should be a registered nurse.

All candidates are required to have a two-years' diploma Special course in a missionary training school, after which they must have a recommendation from its faculty and from the Council's Board of Medical Examiners before acceptance by the Council. Upon completion of the course at the training school, the papers of candidates, together with the faculty and medical recommendations, are passed upon by the Candidates Committees of the Council and Board of Missions, which recommend their appointment to a definite field. After acceptance, candidates are subject to the appointment of the bishop in charge of the field where they are to serve. Candidates are consecrated at an annual session of the Woman's Missionary Council unless prevented by unusual circumstances. Training and Consecration.

APPLICANTS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS.

Applicants for scholarships shall apply to the Educational Secretary in charge of candidate correspondence, who shall furnish blanks to be filled out. The applicants shall send these blanks, together with testimonials, to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference in which they reside. The Corresponding Secretary of the Conference shall bring them before the Executive Committee of the Conference Society. If favorably acted upon, she shall forward them to the Educational Secretary, who shall present them to the Committee on Applicants for Scholarships and then communicate to the candidates and to the Conference officers the decision of the committee. Training School.

Preference is given to the Scarritt Bible and Training School, at Kansas City, Mo., owned and controlled by the Woman's Missionary Council. Catalogues of this institution and other literature giving the courses of study, entrance requirements, etc., may be obtained upon application. Outfit and Travel.

MISSIONARIES.

No candidate for the foreign field, after acceptance, may enter into any engagement involving expense on the part of the Council unless expressly authorized to do so.

Necessary funds for outfit and traveling expenses are provided by the Council with the understanding that not more than ten dollars is allowed for excess baggage to outgoing missionaries and missionaries on furlough, with two exceptions. Owing to regulations regarding baggage in Brazil, missionaries going to that country are allowed twenty-five dollars. Because of unusual conditions in Africa, the amount for excess baggage cannot be stated definitely. Missionaries going to the field and missionaries returning on furlough should send to the Foreign Secretary an itemized account of traveling expenses and should give the date

of sailing and of reaching their destination. Missionaries who resign within five years for reasons not approved by the Council should refund outfit and travel.

Salary. All missionaries working under the Council shall receive \$600 for the first year of service on the field, except in Rio de Janeiro, where the salary for the first year shall be \$750. After successfully passing the first year's examination in language study the salary of missionaries shall be \$750 a year, except in Rio de Janeiro, where it shall be \$900.

Language Study. Missionaries, upon entering the field assigned them, shall use diligence in the study of the language and such other subjects as may qualify them for their work. The Secretary of the mission or of the district shall direct their study and shall send reports of examinations to the Secretary of the Foreign Department. It is important that the missionaries should follow the prescribed course of language study in their respective fields.

Obligations. Missionaries in the field shall conform in all respects to the regulations of the Woman's Missionary Council. Their time and labor are to be devoted exclusively to the interest of the mission with which they are connected. They may in no case enter into engagements affecting their relation to the mission or receive compensation for work so undertaken unless authorized by the Council. Any missionary violating the instructions of the Council may forfeit all claims upon its funds and may be dismissed from its service after due notice. All foreign missionaries are forbidden to appeal to the Church, through the public print or otherwise, for pecuniary aid in any missionary enterprise without the approval of the Council. All appeals for the continuance of specials or for payment of deficits on specials should be made through the Foreign Secretary of the Council.

Reports. Each missionary shall make quarterly and annual reports to the Secretary of the Foreign Department. All persons handling funds of the Council shall at the end of each quarter send to the Secretary a detailed account of all moneys received and disbursed. At the end of the year a statement showing the true balance shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Foreign Department. Treasurers of the missions shall furnish the Council annually a statement of the nature, location, condition, and estimated value of the property. Any surplus in any department of the work shall be kept in the treasury on the field until its use shall be authorized by the Council.

Audits. The books of the Treasurer of the mission or of other persons handling funds of the Council shall be examined by the Auditing Committee on the field, whose reports shall be sent with the annual reports of the Treasurer to the Secretary of the Foreign Department. The Auditing Committee shall report to the Secretary the failure of any missionary to follow out these instructions.

Estimates. All reports, statements, and estimates intended for the action of the Council shall be in the hands of the Secretary for the information of the Estimates Committee not later than February 1. Missionaries shall inform the Secretary concerning all matters affecting the mission. They shall write fully and freely to the Secretary concerning their work.

No new work shall be opened without consent of the Council, and no missionary or superintendent shall make any investment for the Council or create any liability against it without authority.

For the sake of unity on the mission field each missionary shall work in harmony with the Secretary of the field in which she works. Through the Secretary she will receive the instructions of the Council and the funds for her work.

Missionaries shall arrange their work so as to allow one month of vacation during the year, which shall be spent, if possible, away from the mission station.

The missionaries of each field shall hold an annual meeting for inspiration and for consideration of the needs of the work. At this meeting the estimates for the following year shall be made, also any recommendations that should be presented to the Council.

The first regular furlough shall be granted after five years of service and thereafter at the end of seven years of service. Travel to and from the field will be paid. A missionary on furlough shall undertake no work during the first three months after reaching the homeland or during the three months preceding her return to the field. She shall attend the first meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council after her return home, the expense of the trip to be borne by the Council. Plans for study during furlough period should be made in consultation with the Foreign Secretary.

So far as possible, each missionary should have an annual medical examination, preferably just before vacation. Report of the same shall be made to the Foreign Secretary. As soon as possible after reaching the homeland missionaries on furlough shall be examined by the Council Medical Examiner and, if necessary, before returning to the field.

RULES GOVERNING DEACONESSSES.

The duties of the deaconess are to minister to the poor, care for the sick, provide for the orphan, comfort the sorrowing, seek the wandering and sinful, and do any religious or teaching work to which she may be assigned and, relinquishing all other pursuits, devote herself to these or other forms of Christian work.

A candidate for the office of deaconess must be at least twenty-three and not more than fifty years of age. She must be a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in good standing and must have shown fitness for this work by active service in some line of Christian work. She must be a single woman or widow without dependents for support or companionship. She shall have a high-school education and two years of college work or its equivalent. The equivalents of the two years of college work are:

1. Diploma of an approved nurse-training school.
2. Diploma of an approved kindergarten college.
3. Diploma of an approved business college and two years of successful business experience.
4. Three years of work at an approved normal school.
5. Four years of successful experience as a teacher.

- No Vows Required.** • No vows shall be required of any deaconess; but it is expected that one seeking to become a deaconess will have considered carefully the step she is taking and, feeling called of God to do this work, will enter upon it with the purpose of devoting herself wholly to it.
- Preparation.** A deaconess shall be at liberty to retire from work after three months' notice to the Woman's Missionary Council.
- A deaconess candidate must have two years of preparation at a reputable training school and when she has finished the required course of study must be recommended by the faculty to the Board of Missions for acceptance. She shall have a certificate of good health from a reputable physician and the recommendation of the pastor and the Quarterly Conference of the Church of which she is a member.
- An accepted candidate shall serve a period of probation of not less than two years prior to consecration to the work and office of deaconess.
- For the further testing of her fitness a probationer shall be appointed to a place where there are leaders of experience.
- Consecration.** When the deaconess shall have finished her probationary course of training, the Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions shall present her to the Woman's Missionary Council in annual session for final acceptance and consecration. She shall then receive a certificate duly signed by the President, the Administrative Secretary of the Home Work of the Woman's Missionary Council, and the General Secretary of the Board of Missions. This certificate shall be her credentials as a regularly authorized deaconess of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and must be annually renewed. If she should retire or be found unsuited to the work, her certificate shall be surrendered to the Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions, and she thereby ceases to be a deaconess. When the Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions deems it advisable to have one or more deaconesses consecrated in the interim of the annual meeting, it shall arrange for the time and place of service.
- Nurse-Deaconesses.** 1. If a candidate for nurse-deaconess has had a course of nurse-training and can present a diploma from the hospital where she received training and also an indorsement as to ability and adaptability for such work, together with the usual testimonials required of deaconess candidates, she shall be required to take only one year of study in a Bible-training school before consecration. She must be recommended, as other deaconess candidates, by the faculty of the school where she receives her Bible training.
2. A candidate for nurse-deaconess work who has not received her nurse-training shall have one year in a Bible-training school before she enters on the course for nurse-training, this training to be had in a Christian hospital selected by the Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions. The course of study in both cases described shall be arranged for and adjusted by the Secretary of the Home Work and the principal of the Bible-training school in which the candidate is to study. During the whole period of training the candidate for nurse-deaconess work shall

be under the control and care of the Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions.

3. Any one receiving training for Home Work from the Woman's Missionary Council shall refund the money if she voluntarily retires from its employ before the expiration of four years. The amount expended shall be repaid in full in case the deaconess leaves the work without the consent of the Council before she shall have completed her term of service—viz., two years for each paid by the Council. No fractional part of a year's work will be received in lieu of service.

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4. No one shall be recognized as a deaconess of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, who does not comply with the disciplinary requirements and does not hold a certificate from the Woman's Missionary Council.

Recognition.

5. When the preacher in charge and the Quarterly Conference present a candidate that they deem an exception to the general rule requiring a course in the training school, the Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions shall examine the candidate and, if satisfied that all the requirements are met, shall recommend her to the Quarterly Conference for election, and she shall be consecrated at the next annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council, or at such time and place as the Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions shall direct, and shall be granted by that Council a certificate as a regular deaconess, subject to the rules governing the same.

Exceptions.

1. A deaconess shall receive a monthly stipend of \$25 in addition to her living expenses, these living expenses to include separate room, board, laundry, and car fare.

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2. A deaconess not living in an institution should be allowed to handle the money necessary for her living expenses.

3. A City Board or Church employing a deaconess is required to pay her traveling expenses from the place from which she comes to them. The traveling expenses of a new worker just from the training school shall be paid from her home to the place of appointment.

4. Every deaconess shall be allowed a month's vacation, during which time she shall receive her stipend from the board or Church employing her. An additional sum of \$25 shall be paid each deaconess for vacation money.

5. In case of temporary sickness of a deaconess who has been in its employ not less than one year the agency employing her shall for a period not exceeding two months pay such worker the equivalent of her stipend and living expenses for said time, and the deaconess shall bear her own expenses incurred by sickness. Beyond this the agency employing the worker shall not be held responsible for relief.

6. In case of prolonged illness of a deaconess exceeding two months the agency employing her shall report the same to the Administrative Secretary of the Home Work of the Council, who shall pay to such deaconess her stipend for an additional period not to exceed six months, after which time the Council shall not be held responsible.

7. No promise of life support, when disqualified by sickness or old age, shall be made to those who enter the work after the age of forty years or to those who shall have

Duration of Appointment.	given less than ten years of efficient, consecutive service as deaconess, the ten years not to include the two years of training. No candidate over fifty years of age will be recommended for consecration unless, because of her qualifications, she is recommended by an approved training school for positions where there is special demand for the deaconess uniform.
Temporary Withdrawal.	The appointment of a deaconess shall extend from the session at which she receives her appointment to the next session of the Woman's Missionary Council, and she shall hold herself legally and morally bound for twelve months' service unless her health should fail or for other good and sufficient reasons she should be released by the Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions.
Uniform.	When a deaconess withdraws from active work in response to family or other cause that she regards as providential, she may have her certificate renewed and wear the uniform for one year, but no longer; if, after continuing out of the work for several years, she desires to return to it, she can do so without reconsecration, but must furnish satisfactory testimonials of her life during the interim and of her health at the time she applies for readmission. 1. When the deaconess is on duty, a simple uniform shall be worn. The exact details of this uniform will be kept in printed form and may be had from the Administrative Secretary of the Home Work of the Woman's Missionary Council. 2. Every deaconess accepted by the Woman's Missionary Council shall be provided with a suitable uniform for consecration from the funds of the Council.
Obligations of Pastors, Boards, Etc.	Pastors, mission boards, or other agencies employing deaconesses shall obligate themselves to provide for their maintenance as specified by items under Financial Adjustment.
Continuous Study.	All deaconesses shall be required to pursue a continuous course of study and reading prescribed by the Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions.
Rest Day.	One day of the week shall be a day of rest for the deaconess, and time shall also be given for the reading and study so necessary to keep her work at the highest point of efficiency. The deaconesses and home missionaries shall be given a period of rest not shorter than three months after seven years of consecutive work, with furlough salary.

RULES GOVERNING CITY MISSIONARIES.

Requirements.	1. A candidate for acceptance and appointment to city mission work must feel moved by the love of souls and the providence of God to take upon herself the work of a home missionary. She must be at least twenty-three years of age, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, recommended by the faculty of the training school where she has studied and the pastor of the Church of which she is a member. She shall also have a good health certificate from a reputable physician. 2. The Woman's Missionary Council shall not support in training schools any young woman who is not twenty-one
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years of age nor appoint as city missionary a young woman under twenty-three years of age. She shall be willing to accept the appointments given by the Council.

3. All appointments of missionaries made at the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council or by the Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions during the year shall continue until the next annual session of the Council, unless the missionary's health should fail or for good and sufficient reasons she should be released. Appoint-
ments.

4. A kindergartner accepted and appointed by the Woman's Missionary Council shall sustain the same relation to the work as any deaconess or city missionary and shall be regarded as a missionary. She shall assume her part of responsibility in the general work of the institution and assist in the other activities, but not to such an extent as shall interfere with the best development of her own department.

5. A city missionary shall receive a monthly salary of not less than twenty-five dollars with board or fifty dollars without board. Financial
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ments. Incidental expenses, including laundry and car fare, are to be met by the missionary herself. She shall be allowed a vacation of one month with a salary of twenty-five dollars.

6. She shall make monthly report to the City Board and quarterly and annual reports to the Woman's Missionary Council. Reports.

7. A missionary kindergartner shall receive the same monthly salary as a city missionary. She shall be employed for a term of not less than nine months. Financial
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ments.

RULES GOVERNING WESLEY HOUSES AND INSTITUTIONAL WORK.

1. *Deaconesses.*—Every deaconess shall keep a ledger account of all moneys received and disbursed by her in the work. Her books shall be audited annually.

2. *Head Resident.*—The Head Resident shall direct the work of the Wesley House and keep in the closest possible touch with all workers connected with the institution. She shall submit all plans for the development and conduct of the work to the Executive Committee of the City Mission Board. She shall use a system of records and files such as the work of the institution demands. It shall be her duty to see that all workers do their part in the keeping of such records. She shall conduct a bimonthly cabinet meeting, or workers' conference, at which time each worker shall be given an opportunity to bring up the problems of her department, especially as they relate to the work of other departments, thus preserving the harmony of the institution. She shall be responsible for developing and maintaining the highest degree of efficiency and spirituality in the workers.

3. *Resident Workers.*—The plans of all workers for their departments shall be submitted to the Head Resident for approval before they are presented to the City Mission Board.

4. *Institutional Churches.*—Where union is desired between a City Mission Board and the local Church in the conduct of an institutional Church, the following plans are adopted: That

(1) The work be divided into two main departments, to be called the Church Department and the Wesley House Department.

(2) The City Board conduct the Wesley House Department, having a Head Resident and a corps of workers, and be responsible for the support and control of its own work.

(3) The City Board assume no financial responsibility or control in the conduct of the Church Department.

(4) The workers of the Wesley House Department coöperate with the pastor of the Church Department in advancing the growth and development in the spiritual life of the community.

5. *Local Church*.—Where a City Mission Board conducts a Wesley House independently, and yet desires to coöperate with the community Church, the following plans are adopted: That

(1) The deaconesses and other resident workers of the Wesley House coöperate with the pastor of the community Church and seek in every way to advance its interests and build up its constituency.

(2) The City Mission Board as an organization assume no part of the financial responsibility of the Church.

6. *Clinic*.—(1) The clinic may be an activity of the Wesley House, provided the neighborhood is large enough to justify the outlay of funds and service.

(2) When there is a clinic maintained, it shall be conducted as the outpatient department of a city hospital is maintained. Sick persons may be seen and prescribed for in rooms set aside for clinic work. Cases that require operation involving anæsthesia, or the constant attendance of a nurse, should be referred to institutions prepared for the care of such patients.

CLASSIFICATION OF WORK.

City missions under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Council shall be divided into two classes, according to ability to support and conduct mission work.

Class A shall consist of Wesley Houses where the City Mission Board can pay regularly not less than \$100 a month for current expenses. Through the Standing Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions the Council shall have control of the appointment of one or more workers, the character and amount of work done, and the location of the house. The Head Residents of these Wesley Houses shall be women of experience and training and shall have full charge of the internal affairs of the home and superintend the work of the other residents. The work of the home shall, if possible, be so correlated with that of the nearest Methodist Church as to make this Church the center of its operations and the conservator of its results.

Class B shall consist of those missions where the City Board pays regularly not less than \$60 or as much as \$100 a month for current expenses. As this amount is not sufficient to maintain a Wesley House, this class of missionary work shall not be so designated, and the forms of work undertaken shall be limited to such as the funds make possible of success. The missionary shall not be required to keep house or to live in the community wherein she works, but near enough to give attention to its demands. The work shall be carried on, wherever possible or desirable, in the nearest Methodist church; or, if that is not possible, in close correlation with it.

LAWS GOVERNING CITY MISSION BOARDS.

I. COMPOSITION.

1. In all our cities and towns where there are two or more auxiliaries, whether in one or several Churches, they may unite for the promotion

of city missions under the title of Board of City Missions. There shall not be in any city more than one such board.

2. A Board of City Missions shall be composed of representatives from auxiliaries which coöperate regularly in the activities and financial support of the work. Each auxiliary shall have at least three representatives and one additional for every ten members. Council and Conference officers residing in the city, the preachers in charge of Churches where the auxiliaries are located, and the presiding elders shall be advisory members.

II. OFFICERS.

The officers of a Board of City Missions shall be a President, a Vice President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and superintendents of departments of work. These officers, with the presiding elders, shall constitute the Executive Committee. The election of officers shall take place at the December meeting of the City Mission Board.

III. DEPARTMENTS.

A Board of City Missions shall divide its work into as many departments as the work may require. Each department shall be under the supervision of a superintendent elected annually by the City Mission Board.

IV. COMMITTEES.

1. Each coöperating auxiliary shall have representation on the standing committees. These standing committees shall be nominated by the Executive Committee and elected by the Board of City Missions at the January meeting.

2. Standing committees shall meet at the call of the superintendents of the departments.

3. Such special committees as are necessary for the conduct of the work may be appointed by the President.

4. The Nominating Committee for officers of the Board of City Missions shall consist of the presidents of the coöperating auxiliaries.

V. MEETINGS.

1. There shall be one or more regular monthly meetings of the Board of City Missions.

2. There shall be called meetings of the Board when necessary.

3. There shall be one or more regular monthly meetings of the Executive Committee.

VI. FINANCES.

1. The coöperating auxiliaries shall make annual pledges for the support of the work of the Board of City Missions, such pledges to be paid monthly.

2. All Boards of City Missions that expend \$60 or over each month for current expenses shall secure from the Woman's Missionary Council an appropriation of ten per cent on the amount reported by voucher to the Conference Treasurer as having been so expended the previous year.

VII. BY-LAWS.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board and actively advance its interests. She shall sign all orders on the treasury.

2. The Vice President shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the President and assist the President in all efforts to advance the interests of the work.

3. The Treasurer shall keep an account of all money received and

expended and shall make a monthly, quarterly, and annual report of the same to the City Mission Board, and shall make a quarterly and annual report to the Treasurer of the Conference. She shall pay money only on the order of the President of the Board of City Missions. Her books shall be audited annually.

4. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence and shall make quarterly reports to the Administrative Secretary of the Home Work of the Woman's Missionary Council.

5. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the City Mission Board and a correct roll of its memberships in permanent form. She shall give notice of all regular and called meetings.

6. The department superintendents, acting with their standing committees, shall plan for and actively advance the interests of their departments. No new work or policy enterprised by any department shall be put into operation without being approved by the Board of City Missions.

7. The Executive Committee shall in the interim of the monthly meetings conduct the necessary business of the City Mission Board. It shall act upon all questions relative to applications for employment or dismissal of workers and shall submit such action for approval to the Board of City Missions in regular or called meeting.

VIII. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1. Each coöperating auxiliary may determine for itself the method of raising funds for the support of the work of the City Mission Board.

2. A City Board employing deaconesses or city missionaries shall conform with the regulations of the Woman's Missionary Council relative to the employment of such workers. (See regulations.)

IX. REPORTS.

Monthly reports shall be made to each auxiliary by its representatives on the City Mission Board.

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